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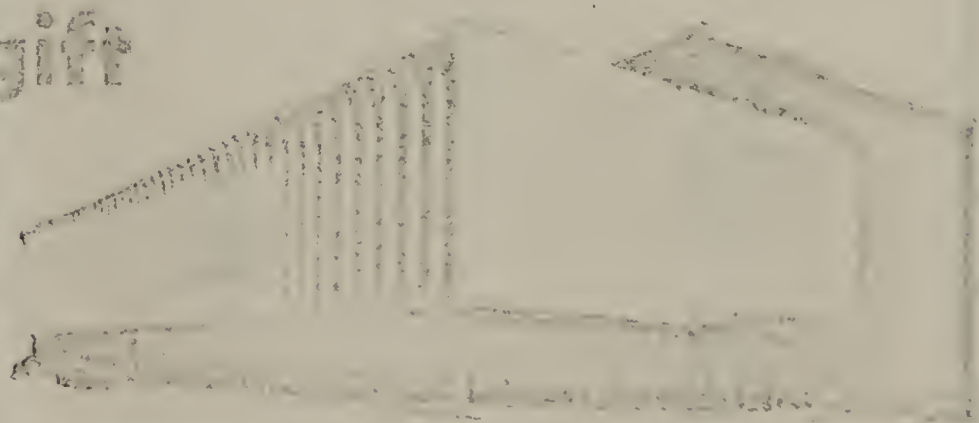
# Houchin Family

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## FOREWORD

This short history of the family was originally intended to be only of the descendants and ancestors of Jesse Houchin who settled in Jessamine county, Kentucky, in 1810. At the beginning of the search for his descendants letters were written to all Houchins whose names and addresses could be secured. In the replies many were found to be descended from other than the above Jesse who expressed desires for information of their own families. The search was therefore extended to include all those whose records could be established.

This is not a complete history of all the Houchins in the United States, but it is believed that all of the name can trace their ancestry to those whose records may be found here. In each instance all names secured have been placed in their proper lines where sufficient information was given to so place them.

This brief account contains transcripts of deeds, wills, marriages, births, and other proceedings taken from court records of counties in which our ancestors lived, family charts, war records and miscellaneous items of interest to the family.

Court records in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois have been searched personally by the compiler, also census records in Washington. It is from these that basic statements are made. Many of the older members of the family have been visited and questioned, and it is from them that much additional information has been obtained which is not to be found in the records.

The family has been migratory, each succeeding generation seeking new homes in the west. It has been mainly agriculturist, few attaining great political glory, none world re-nown. All have gone quietly about their activities, serving their God, their country, and their fellow man.

It is of such as these that we are descended.

P. C. H.

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Coat-of-Arms of the French Houchins  
of Artois, France

If this coat-of-arms were in color the lower two-thirds of the shield would be blue with the chevron in gold. The "five leaf clovers", or cinquefoils, would be gold, as also would be the upper third of the shield. The eagle, superimposed on this portion, would be black.





## ORIGIN OF THE NAME

The name, HOUCHIN, was chosen as the title for this history because that is the spelling used by the earliest family of record. There have been, and are, many variants of the name, both in England, and in this country. It is probable that all in America, and certainly all from Virginia, are from a common source, but as each branch became separated from the parent stock it took its own particular way of spelling. Twenty-seven different versions of the name have been found, some of which are Howchyn, Howchin, Howchen, Houchen, Houchin, Houchine, Houching, Houtchen, Houtchin, Houtchon, and all with the letter, 's', added at the end.

The name seems to have had its origin in France where "This ancient and illustrious family (Houchin) is known since Gillis d' Houchin, knight, gave in 1202 his tithes to the church." —The Annual of the Nobility of France by Hauterive. Included also, in this account of the family, are Simon d' Houchin, governor of Oisy in 1303, and Louis Francis Joseph Houchin, the Marquis of Longastre, deputy of Nobility in Artois, and an officer in the King's Army.

Three authorities on the origin of Anglo-Saxon surnames, Bardsley, Weekley and Harrison, state that the name, Houchin, is derived from a first or font name, and literally means baptismal son of Hugh. The name, Hugh, was borne by several saints in both France and England. Ernest Weekley in "Romance of Names" states that most names derived from a first name, or medieval font name, are of French introduction, and occur rarely before the Conquest. Bardsley in his "Dictionary of English and Welch Surnames" says that the English Hugh had a diminutive Huggin, and also the forms Hew and How, whence comes Hewett and Howlett. The French name had a diminutive Huchon from which is derived Hutchin and Houchin. Harrison in "Surnames of the United Kingdom". Vol. I, explains that Hugh, with the diminutive suffix 'in' or 'on', rapidly became Houchin, thus, the son of Hugh would be Hughson,





then Hugchon, later Huchon, finally Houchin.

If, as these learned men infer, the Houchins came into England from France, they must have settled along the eastern coast of England in what is now Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk counties. There is an old manor house yet standing in Essex county called Howchins which dates back to ancient times. It stands a little way back from the road leading from Marks-Tey to Coggeshall, and the lands extend from Great Tey to Little Tey. The house, itself, is in the Parish of Coggeshall.

The family was also numerous in Suffolk and Norfolk counties, and it is in the former county that the name is first found in England in 1327. It was genuinely Anglo-Saxon in character as Howechnon, and leads one to conjecture that the derivation of the name is much simpler than that promulgated by Weekley, Bardsley and Harrison. In as much as the early name in England quite generally contained the letter 'w' rather than the 'u' it would seem proper to propose that 'Howechnon' was the son of Howe, the suffix "chon" being generally accepted as the old Anglo-Saxon term meaning son. The word 'Howe' meant, in early England, a mound or little hill, and it soon became a place name. John de Howe, therefore, would be John of the mound, or hill, and John's son would be John de Howechnon. From that early time to the first appearances of the name in this country the vowels 'u' and 'w' have been used interchangeably as is evidenced by Jerimy HOUCHIN of Boston and Edward HOWCHENS of Virginia.

It has been definitely established that the Houchins came to these shores from that section of England above mentioned. Jerimy Houchin, in his will, names his father, William, of Harliston, Norfolk county, England, and in a Chancery Action between members of the family living in Suffolk county in 1671, mention is made of material witnesses whose evidence cannot be obtained because they are in "remote places beyond the Seas". It is said that at this date this term almost certainly meant America. In 1558 Edward Howchin of Essex county married Ann Wood, and in 1638 Edward Howchin, petty constable, took a census of the Hundreds of Lackeford and Hartismere, Suffolk county, in which lived Edward Howchyn. The Hundreds (a Hundred was a district which, when it acquired a population of one hundred men, could set up its own governing





body) of Lackeford and Hartismere are both along the northern border of Suffolk county, each place being near the residence of Johanne de Howechnon, our first known English ancestor, who was assessed in 1327 for movable goods in Blackborne and Hoxne Hundreds, Suffolk county.

Suffolk is a maritime county on the eastern shore of England, bounded on the north by Norfolk, but separated from it by the Little Ouse and Waveny rivers, on the east by the sea, on the south by the Stour, which divides it from Essex, and on the west by Cambridge. Ipswich, the county seat, is seventy miles from London. It was on the eastern shore of Suffolk that Cerdic, one of the earliest Saxon invaders, landed in 495.

Suffolk county at the time of the Roman Invasion of Britain formed a part of a district inhabited by the Iceni. In subsequent division of the Island it constituted a portion of the Roman province of Flavia Caesarunses, and under the Saxons formed the southern half of the kingdom of East Anglia. This petty state comprised the counties of Suffolk, Norfolk and part of Cambridge. It was erected into an independent kingdom soon after 570 and its inhabitants were called Uffingas, or Uffans.

The Little Ouse and Waveny completely isolated the northern half, and those people living to the north of the above mentioned streams were known as North folk, and those living to the south were called South folk. Upon the division of England into Tythings, Hundreds and Shires the territories of these North and South folk were called Norfolk and Suffolk respectively.



## JOHANNE DE HOWECHONN

In every century since the Norman Conquest England has been at war with some nation. In the early days the king notified his dukes to supply him men from his tenants for the army, but in later years the office of Lord Lieutenant was established, and it was the duty of this office to raise and train men in each county. The people, in addition to furnishing the man power, were assessed to finance the army. Prior to 1327 taxes were collected by each man bringing to the church what he thought was his share for the church and the king, but in 1327 when an unfortunate war with Scotland occurred the inhabitants were assessed an additional tax of one-twentieth the value of their movable goods. Those taxed included only persons of the first and middle classes; the poorer class, not being able to pay, was not assessed.

The name, Johanne de Howechonn, is contained in this tax list from Hoxne and Blackborne Hundreds, Suffolk county. The amount of tax in the former district is XVIII shillings and in the latter XII d. Subsidy returns of 1524 show living in Blackborne Hundred John Houchyn and Edmond (probably Edward) Howchyn, and in Hartismere Hundred, which lies between Blackborne and Hoxne Hundreds, two William Howchyns and two John Howchyns. In the returns of 1598 from Hartismere Hundred listed are Thomas Howchin, William Howchin and John Howchin. The Parish Register of Rickenhall Superior, Suffolk county, has been examined and a few of the many entries of the name follow:

### MARRIAGES

- 10 Dec. 1561-Thomas Hawchin and Helen Dowe
- 18 Nov. 1571-Alice Hawchen and Sylvesture Callen
- 10 Nov. 1617-John Howchen and Anne Halle
- 16 Jan. 1680-William Houchin, jr, and Eliz. Pollard

### BAPTISMS

- 6 July 1578-Margaret d. of William Howchen
- 16 Oct. 1580-Anne d. Thomas Howchen
- 14 Feb. 1590-Robert s. of William Howchen





- 18 Sept. 1608-James s. of Robert Hawchin  
 1 Dec. 1617-Jeremy s. of William Houchin  
 18 Apr. 1624-Mathias s. of John Houchene  
 8 Mar. 1647-Jeremy s. of William Howchen  
 . . . 1657-James s. of James and Ann Houchen, born 10  
 April  
 5 Apr. 1663-Francis s. of William Houchin  
 24 Dec. 1681-William s. of William & Eliz. Hauchin  
 14 July 1683-Margaret d. Joseph and Sara Houchin

#### BURIALS

- 2 Dec. 1578-Margaret d. William Hawchen  
 28 Dec. 1578-Wyllm and Marke sons of Thomas Hawchen  
 14 Mar. 1591-Abigaill d. of William Howchen  
 10 Jan. 1591-Robert s. of Robert Hawchen  
 18 Aug. 1611-William Howchin  
 1 Apr. 1616-James s. of Robert Hawchin  
 8 Jan. 1631-Mary d. of John Howchin  
 4 Oct. 1646-Widow Howchen wife of Robert  
 8 Dec. 1657-John s. of James Houchen  
 27 June 1663-Anne Houchin wife of John  
 11 Dec. 1678-John Houchin  
 1 Dec. 1699-Alice Howchin wife of William of Batesdale

#### OTHER RECORDS OF SUFFOLK COUNTY

The following are parish records of other than Rickenhall Superior:

#### BAPTISMS

- Robt. Howchin s. of William Howchin I, Feb. 14, 1590  
 Francis Howchen s. of Francis Febr. 18, 1602  
 Ann Howchin d. of Thomas and Ann Howchin Jan. 27, 1667  
 Thomas Howchin s. of Thomas and Ann Howchin Jan. 29, 1667  
 Margaret Howchin d. Thomas and Susan Howchin

#### BURIALS

- Thomas and Ann Howchin children of Thomas and Ann Howchin  
 Jan. 30, 1667  
 Ann Howchin wife of Thomas Howchin Febr. 13, 1667  
 Thomas Howchin June 8, 1673

#### MARRIAGES

- Deborah Howchyn and Gulielmus Notly Nov. 14, 1665



Thomas Howchyn and Ann Whitaker July 13, 1665

Jacobus Howchin and Maria Florierdus Jan. 12, 1666

John Howchin and Martha Rust Sept. 25, 1671

Joseph Howchin and Sarah Fisher Sept. 26, 1682

### RECORDS OF SOMERSET COUNTY

During the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries there were several families of Houchins living in Somerset county, England. Following are synopses of wills of Sir John Hochyn and Sir Richard Howchins:

1482 John Hochyn

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On the Feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, AD 1481, I, John Hochyn, wever, and burgess of the city of Wells, (etc.), and my body to be buried within the church of St. Cuthbert of Wells before the alter of the Holy Cross in the nave of said church.

Item, I bequeath to the fabric of the said church one quarter of 'waide' (woad)

Item, to the parish of St. Matthew of Woky vi s, viii d.

Item, to Sir Richard Hochyn, clerk, my brother, xx s in money, and a silver bowl (crateram)

Item, to Joan Latyn, my sister, one quarter of 'wayde'

Item, to Edith, my sister, a gown (togan) of blue color, and vi s, viii d in money

Item, to John Elis and Margaret, his wife, one quarter of waide

Item, to Sir Thomas Cliff, chaplain, vi s, viii d

Item, to Welthiana, my female servant, xl s

The residue of my goods I give to Joan, my wife, and John Calcott, husband of Joan, my daughter, whom I make my executors (etc.). I will that the said Richard Hochyn, my brother, be supervisor of this, my testemant.

Proved at Knoll the last day of September, AD, above said. Administration committed to John Calcott, the executor (etc.).

Note: This man was a "wever" and it was the beginning of the period when woven goods were becoming popular. It can readily be seen the value placed on the goods, or "waide" from the bequests in the above will.

1502 Richard Howchins

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1502. Richard Howchins, to be buried in the churchyard of







St. John Evan. of Milbourne Porte. To the fraternity of St. John Evan. aforesaid 6 d. One cow to sustain the lights of B. M. and St. Leonard after the decease of Agnes, my wife. Cathedral church of Wells 6 d. Agnes, my daughter, twenty ewes. Robert, son of my wife, one calf; Marie, his daughter, one calf. Residue: Agnes, my wife (executrix). Supervisors: John Silcoke, brother of my wife. Witnesses: Richard Bradwey, rural dean (plebano) of the said church of Milbourne, William Howper, Thomas Harvey. Proved Oct. 15, 1502.

In a will dated Nov. 21, 1549, Agnes White of Somerset county gave to Thomas Howchyn "20 sheepe, whereof shalbe tenne wethers and tenne yewes".

John Laver of Somerset in 1556 in his will requested that William Howchin and Robert Dyar be appointed overseers of his estate.

By the will of Thomas Dygon in 1543 Wm. Huchyn was given 26 s and Pauline Huchyn a cow.

In an estate settlement Mar. 7, 1586, Alice Howchin and John Trott are mentioned as daughter and son of Florence Trott.

In addition to Somerset county, members of the family were found to be living in Devon, Cornwall and Middlesex in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. They were very few in number and were probably related to the Houchins in the eastern counties. Take note that Jeremy Houchin, whose father lived in Norfolk county, is reported to have come from Devonshire, Somersetshire or Dorsetshire.

#### ADDITIONAL MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

The author, Lipscombe, in his "Antiquities of Buckingham" mentions John Houchens, rector, in an exchange made of rectors March 26, 1393.

From St. James Church notes: Nov. 29 at St. James Church, Westin: by the Rev. Bicham - - Houchen, John Houchen, Esq., of Thetford, eldest son of John Houchen, Esq., of Wreham Hall, Norfolk, to Susannah, only daughter of the late Daniel Vanbier of Staunton Park, Suffolk.

From Lee Church notes, Eye: Philip Dykes of Eye, Gent., married Anne, da. of Wm. Howchin, Gent., of the same place.





## HOUCHINS IN AMERICA

The first of the name to come to this country was Jeremy Houchin whose home had been in Norfolk county, England. He, with about one hundred others from Devonshire, Somersetshire and Dorsetshire, sailed from Plymouth, England, Mar. 20, 1629-30, arriving in Massachusetts May 30th and settling at Dorchester. He was a tanner by trade, and made quite a considerable fortune for the time in which he lived. He was admitted to membership in the Dorchester Church June 12, 1639, and made a freeman May 13, 1640. In company with Duncan, Upshall and other Dorchester settlers whose names are among the founders of the Old North Society, he moved to Boston where he was elected constable in 1648, and Clerk of the Market in 1649. He was a selectman for six years, 1649-54, a delegate to the General Court from Hingham and Salisbury 1651-57 with the exception of one term, and an Ensign in Capt. Thos. Clarke's company, from which he resigned his commission May 23, 1655.

He was a delegate from the First Church to the Synod of 1662, and one of the founders of the Old South Church of Boston. He owned property on Elm street where he later lived, and also the east corner of Court and Hanover where Concert Hall afterwards stood. His house, garden, orchard and tanning pits occupied about one-fourth acre of land which he sold in 1646. A street in Boston named for him, called Houchin street, is no longer in existence.

Jeremy Houchin came to America as a young man. Date of baptism is given as 1617. He died between Apr. 7, 1670, date of will, and May 31st next when it was proved in court. He was married to Esther (?) in Boston to whom he bequeathed the use of his houses, lands, tanyards, etc., intrusting to her care his two youngest children, Nathaniel and Rachael. He mentioned his father, William, of Harliston, Norfolk Co., England, and John Westgate also of Harliston, who had charge of his business interests in England. Children were Esther, who married Samuel Wheelwright; Mary, who married Nathaniel Greene; Elizabeth, who married John Endicott, son of Gov. Endicott; Rachael, who





married Bozoan Allen; Mehetabel; Jeremiah; William; Hana; John; Sarah; Richard. With the exception of the four married daughters it is probable that the rest of the children died in early childhood. The widow, Ester, died July 2, 1693. It is said that both Winston Churchill of England and General Douglas McArthur can trace their ancestry to Jerimy Houchin of Boston.

Robert Houchin, another of the name, was living in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1666. Two children were Mary and Alce (probably Alice).

Another Houchin to come to these shores was John, who settled in Maryland sometime prior to 1707, for in that year, while a resident of Prince Georges county, he made his will as follows:

Maryland SS. In the name of God Amen I John Howchin of Prince Georges county Planter being sick & weak of body but of sound & perfect mind and memory praise be therefor given to Almighty God, but knowing yt it is appointed to all men once to die & being desirous to settle things in order that there be no disturbance after my Death between my loving Wife & my Son I do make & ordain this my present last Will and Testament in manner & form following: that is to say first and principally I recommend my soul into ye hands of allmighty God my Creatour hoping in and through ye merits Death & passion of Jesus Christ my blessed savior & redeemer to obtain full & free pardon of all my sins & to inherit Eternall & my body I committ to the Earth to be Decently buried at the discretion of my Exeers. hereafter named: and as touching the disposition of such Temporall Estate as it hath pleased Allmighty God to bestow upon me I give bequeath & dispose thereof as followeth. Imps. my Will is yt all my Just debts & funerall charges be paid & discharged Item my Will is yt what Cattell I have be equally divided between my loving Wife Jane Howchin & my son William Howchin Item my Will is yt my son William have all my wareing Clothes & all his crop yt he is now about to make only he shall pay to Mr. Hugh Riley one hhd of Clean Tobb of five hundred neat for a Gun bought of him and my Will is yt my son William have ye sd. Gun to himself: and as for ye rest & residue of my good Chattells & personall Estate whatsoever I give unto my loving Wife Jane Howchin during her life & after her Death to return to my Son William Howchin: and I do ordain my loving Wife & my sd. Son William Joynt Exeers. of this my last Will and testament





In witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & Seale this 24 day of Aprill Ano Domi 1707.

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John 1-1 Howchin (SEAL)

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The will was proved Aug. 23, 1711. In settlement it is shown that 400 pounds of tobacco were taken from the estate to pay the vestry for cost of the funeral. The records further show that Jane Houtchins, the executrix, paid William Houtchin, who refused to act as executor, his half of the estate.

William Houchins married in 1722 Judith, widow of George Hope. No account of any children of this marriage has been found. He married later Hannah (?) who outlived him. In his will probated in Baltimore county 8 July, 1749, he left to "loving wife Hannah all my land and plantation where I now live during her natural life after her death to Charles Conway". To Conway he also gave a heifer and his best gun; to his wife, Hannah, who he appointed executrix, all his personal property. The name is not again found in Maryland records.

In more recent years other members of the Houchin family to come to the United States include Thomas W., Joshua and William W. Houchin, who arrived from England soon after the Civil war. The latter, William Wyann Houchin, who died July 24, 1888, in Port au Prince, W. I., was married to Sarah Jane Sexton and children were Alice Maud McComb of Hartford, Conn., Alfred William, deceased; Arthur Sydney of Strikersville, Pa., Ernest Albert of Ridgewood, N. J., Edith Beatrice Thomas of Chester, N. J. Ernest Albert Houchin, born in England July 24, 1867, is a machinery manufacturer in Hawthorne, N. J. His children are Grace Lucille, who married Aubrey R. McQuillin, Florence Alice, who married Robert B. Skinner, and Albert Ernest, vice-president of the Houchin Machinery Co., Inc., who married Helen Hulbert. Their addresses are all Ridgewood, N. J.

There is a Robert J. Houchins listed in the census records of 1860, Logan county, Ohio, who gives his birthplace as Ireland. No further information of him is available.

The last of the name known to have come to this country is John Robert Houchen. For further information of this man and his family see a subsequent chapter.







Coat-of-Arms of the English Family

The pedigree of the English Howchin Family, as recorded in the British Museum, London, describes the blazon as "Arms . . . 3 cinquefoils . . . Crest, a dexter arm erect, vested . . . holding in the hand a shaft surmounted by a cinquefoil."



## THE FAMILY NAME

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How did you say you spelled your name?

No, you're not related to me.

Why, you spell your name with an 'i' in it,

And I spell my name with an 'e'.

It makes no difference how you spell your name;

Whether you use an 'i' or an 'e';

Or whether you end with the letter, 's',

Or whether you put in a 't'.

We all of us sprang from a common source,

I mean in the Howchin line.

So it makes no difference if you do spell your name

A little bit different than mine.

We're all of us cousins whether we like it or not;

Don't fret o'er an 'i' or an 'e'.

Just strive to keep the name honorable

Whether you've added an 's' or a 't'.





## THE FIRST EDWARD HOWCHENS IN AMERICA

Edward Howchens is the first of the name found in Virginia records, and it is from him that most of the Houchins in this country are descended. It is not known when he came to America, but in 1686 he was living in New Kent county, Virginia, a parishioner of St. Peters Parish.

New Kent county was formed from York, one of the original shires, or counties, in 1654, and included all of the present counties of New Kent, King William, King and Queen, Hanover and upwards to the head of the Pamunkey and Mattaponi rivers. There were originally two churches, St. Johns north of the Pamunkey and York rivers, and St. Peters south of those streams. In 1704 St. Pauls Parish, afterwards in Hanover county, was formed from St. Peters. The original register of St. Peters Parish is in the Virginia Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Va., and contains the names of Edward Howchens and his wife, Rebecca. The records of New Kent county were burned in 1866 and with their loss was also lost all further record of Edward Howchens and family. Miss Ann Waller Reddy, an authority on Virginia records, states that Edward was a "possessioner" which is interpreted to mean land holder.

To know more of the manner of life our ancestors lived, and the environment in which they lived, the following brief description of early Virginia, and the customs and dress of Virginians, is given:

Virginia's first settlement was made by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1584 on Roanoke Island, but after repeated trials the settlement failed, and the only lasting memory of Raleigh in America is the name, Virginia, bestowed upon the new colony, in honor of the Virgin Queen. Numerous other attempts were made, but it was not until 1607 that a permanent settlement was effected by Capt. John Smith and his party of adventurers, when they landed at Jamestown. They had expected to find rich gold mines and a life of ease, but found instead only Indians and dense forests and plenty of rich soil.

Up until about 1619 the colony was made up mostly of ad-





venturers, but now men with families began to arrive; and this same year slaves were introduced in the New World which two hundred and fifty years later was almost the cause of a separation of the United States.

The principal industry was agriculture, and tobacco the principal crop. There were many fine orchards, and many grapes from which wine was made. Wheat, corn and hops were also raised, as well as cattle and horses.

The Virginia planter dressed in coarse, strong homespun. He had a comfortable house of wood or brick in the midst of a large estate. The table was plentifully supplied with the fine game of the country, and wholesome products of the plantation. The family lived in comparative solitude along the banks of rivers, and isolated in the great forests, holding little intercourse with each other or the out-side world.

Almost the only highways were the great natural water courses, and the annual ship from England, laden with goods to pay for their tobacco, was the great event in their lives. Except for Jamestown there was nothing even resembling a town.

Class distinctions were always maintained, and suffrage was limited to the freeholders. The Established Church of England was supreme.

Slavery at this early time was yet trifling in its influence, but convicts and indented servants formed a servile class. The professions of law and medicine hardly had an existence, and merchants, as such, were unknown. Every man taught his children according to his ability. Taxes were paid with tobacco and were collected by the sheriff. At a later period there were three levies, based on the amount of real estate and number of negroes owned. These levies were, first the parish levy, assessed by the vestries; second, the county levy, assessed by the justice of the peace; and third the public levy, assessed by the Assembly, all paid with tobacco and collected by the sheriff. The tax amounted to about one hundred pounds of tobacco per tithable person.

There were practically no towns, or centers of population, and Lord Culpepper ordered towns to be built at specified points for benefit of trade. Each county was ordered to have a town, and these towns, planted in most cases in the midst of forests, usually consisted of a court house, prison and its stocks, pillory, whipping post and ducking stool, with probably an inn. Usually





the parish house flanked the court house.

Sunday services and sessions of court called the people to the county seat, but at other times the town relapsed into the quiet of the wilderness. There was strong opposition to the building of towns for it had been the habit of the planters to live their own lives far removed from their neighbors and uninfluenced by them.

The church in Virginia was the Established Church of England; the head of the Church was the Royal Governor who was sent out by the King to rule the people of Virginia. Ministers received their salary in tobacco, and were paid sixteen thousand pounds per annum, valued at about two to six pence per pound.

The people of Virginia were wholly agricultural. With no towns, no diversity of pursuits, scarcely any opportunity for social affairs, and a comparatively small population scattered over a large area, much of which was wilderness, the structure of Virginia society was very simple. Lodge states that there were four classes in the community. The African slaves, who formed nearly one half of the population, at the time of which he was writing, was the lowest; then came the indentured servants and poor whites; then the middle class of small planters, which were distinguished from the next class, the great landlords, who ruled and represented Virginia, only by the amount of wealth represented by the land owned by them. Slaves were universally well and mildly treated and fairly clothed and fed, and were not overworked as compared to the more southern states. The condition of the poor whites was little better than that of the slaves, and on whom the slaves looked down as inferior to themselves. They were, as a class, of poor character, for the most part transported convicts, and from the London streets. They were illiterate, idle and shiftless, and from this class came most of the criminals. The people of Virginia greatly resented the sending of these convicts by the mother country to Virginia, but contrary to some inferences, they had no marked effect on the quality of the population. The difference between the last two classes (the large land owner and the small land owner) was of degree and not of kind. Both were of sound English stock.—Lodge.

A writer long resident in Virginia describes the life of a small planter as one who rises in the morning about six o'clock; he drinks a julep made of rum, water and sugar, but very strong;





he then walks, or more generally rides, round his plantation, views all his stock and all his crops; breakfasts about ten o'clock on cold turkey, cold meat, fried hominy, toast and cider, ham, bread and butter, tea, coffee or chocolate, which lastly, however, is seldom tasted by the women. The rest of the day he spends much in the manner as a man of the first rank.—Smyth.

Such formed the great mass of the white population of Virginia, and to this division, no doubt, belonged our ancestor, Edward Howchens. They were good specimens of the nationality to which they belonged and were a fine, sturdy, manly race, aristocratic in feeling, and from the ownership of slaves, despotic in temper. They lacked polish of manner, and were sadly deficient in education, but were, without exception, generous and hospitable. The last division is represented by such men as Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Marshal.

In childhood the young Virginian was brought up among the slaves which had the worst possible effect upon speech, and in most cases the boys studied at home only what their parents were able to teach them, for there were few public schools. The mothers and daughters were entirely occupied with domestic affairs, endless needle work and charge of the house.

The style of living was one of indiscriminate hospitality, and any stranger was welcome to stay as long as he pleased. This was probably due to the isolation and monotony of life.

The early settlers spread themselves over the land, clearing the plantations in the wilderness. These plantations followed rivers, forming the only means of communication with the outer world. The method of travel was dangerous and difficult even though there were ferries, bridges and bridle paths established. Roads winding along the rivers were gradually opened which were passable in good weather, but they passed through dense forests, and travellers often became lost even in the most thickly settled parts where plantations were at intervals of four or five miles. Everyone travelled on horseback. The difficulty of travel explains the lack of good towns.

The houses were mostly built of wood, those of the more wealthy quite often of brick. The wooden houses were low, generally of one story, with a loft room, and with two enormous chimneys, one at either end, and outside the house. The houses of the better class were plastered and painted, possessed brick





chimneys and glass windows, but the furniture was simple. The rooms were low and large, with great fire places where wood fires blazed, and over which, sometimes, were carved the arms of the family.

An Englishman travelling in Virginia said the women, on the whole, are rather handsome. They are fond of dancing, with now and then a party of pleasure in the woods, but chiefly spend their time in sewing and taking care of their families. The amusements of the men consist of horse racing, fox hunting, cock fighting, drinking and playing cards.—Lodge.

Such was the life of the Virginian up to the time of the Revolutionary war.

Children of Edward Howchens were Rachael, baptized Oct. 24, 1686; Charles, baptized Aug. 17, 1690; and Edward. If there were other children no record of them has been found.

## SECOND GENERATION



### CHARLES HOUCHINS

Before going further into the history of the family the following explanation is offered:

Before each name will be found a number which indicates the generation to which that person belongs, starting with the Edward just previously mentioned as number one. Thus the Charles who heads this chapter is (2) Charles Houchins, son of Edward(1); the child of this Charles will be (3) Francis Houchins, son of Charles(2). There are none living up to, and including, number (5), therefore one wishing to find his name, who does not know his ancestor, should ascertain about what year those numbered (5) lived and died, and from that deduce by about what number he, himself, would be represented. It can readily be seen that as the numbers get higher they also increase in number, therefore it would be easier to search for the grandfather's name, or that of the last ancestor known.

(2) Charles Houchins, son of Edward(1) was baptized Aug. 17, 1690, in St. Peters Parish, New Kent county, Va. Not much





is known of Charles, but he is the ancestor of the King William county family of Houchins. In 1711 he obtained a grant of land in King William county from Gov. Alexander Spotswood. A copy of that grant follows:

Hmme & to all etc Know ye that for divers good causes & consideration but more especially for and in consideration of the transportation of two persons to dwell within our colony of Virginia & whose names are Robert Clark, Sarah Southern We have given granted to and confirmed and by these presents for us our lives and (?) hand do give grant confirm unto Charles Houchins of the county of - - - one certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred acres lying and being in the parish of - - - between the land of William Hurt and Charles Oaks in King William county, and bounded as follows (towit) Beginning at a line and a red oak by the Southwest side of Bryory Branch thence south 38 degrees westerly 126 poles to a Red Oak thence southwest 40 poles to a Red Oak thence southeast 53 poles to two Red Oakes thence south 28 degrees easterly 16 poles to a Red Oak thence south 86 westerly 46 poles to a Spanish Oak thence south twelve degrees easterly 76 poles to A White Oake thence east 36 poles to a Red Oake north 68 poles to a small red oake north 22 degrees easterly 112 poles to a white oake by the side of the Swamp thence bounded by the Swamp and branch to the beginning with all etc To have etc To be held etc Yielding and paying etc provided etc In witness etc Witness our (?) (?) Alexander Spotswood Our Lord Governor etc at Wm Aurghund of the seal of our said colony the ninth day of December 1711 in the Eighth Year of Our Reign.

A. Spotswood.

The only further information of Charles Houchins is that sent in by a descendant, Miss Ann Waller Reddy. The records of King William county were destroyed by fire in 1886. However, a few scattered portions of unburned pages of the books were salvaged and packed away untouched for many years. Recently the State Library of Virginia has sorted out all legible material and taken a photostatic copy of it. This is now on file in the State Archivist's office in Richmond. Under date of April 13, 1786, there is a conveyance of land from Francis Houchings of Parish of St. Davids to Bernard Houchings of same. It is probable that Francis was the son of the above Charles, (Charles's





brother had a son, Francis) and Miss Reddy states that Bernard was the son of Francis.

(4) Bernard Houchins, son of Francis(3) was a Revolutionary War soldier. He was born in 1755, and died about 1827 in King William county. He was granted a pension May 24, 1819, for services as a soldier of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment. He enlisted in January of 1776 and served two years in Capt. Holt Richardson's Company, Col. McClanachan's Regiment, and took part in the battles of the Brandywine and Germantown. In 1811 he was granted a tract of land in Ohio for his military services, which he probably sold without ever having seen it. He was married to Elizabeth Ellett and children were Ellett; James R. and John.

(5) John Houchins, son of Bernard(4) married Sarah Quarles, daughter of General James Quarles and Dorothy Waller. Sarah was born in 1774; date of birth of John is not known but his estate is carried first in the tax books of 1814, which would indicate his death at about that time. Children of John and Sarah were Nancy, Betty, Sarah, Jack, Katherine and John.

(6) Nancy Ann Houchins, dau. of John(5) was born in 1796 and died prior to 1850. She was married to Bernard Powers and following his death she moved to Richmond. Children were John, and Ann Waller.

(7) John Powers, son of Nancy(6) married and had a daughter, Mary A., who married Franklin Baber.

(7) Ann Waller Powers, dau. of Nancy(6) married Samuel Carlyle Colburn. They had a daughter, Alice.

(8) Alice Colburn, dau. of Ann(7) married James Valentine Reddy. Their children were Alice M., and Ann Waller.

(9) Alice M. Reddy, dau. of Alice(8) married Harvey Poe, and has a son, Harvey jr.

(9) Ann Waller Reddy, dau. of Alice(8) a resident of Richmond, Va., is an author, a genealogist and an authority on Virginia historical records. She has recently published a book which contains a list of Revolutionary heroes of West Virginia. This edition names all persons who received pay for any service during the war, such as furnishing supplies, riding express, transporting the sick, transporting prisoners, ammunition, and names of court officers. This book is of great value to all aspirants to membership in the D. A. R., and of interest to all whose ances-





tors were early residents of what is now West Virginia.

(6) Betty Houchins, dau. of John(5) whose name was probably Katherine Elizabeth, married first Daniel Bradley. Their child was James Lyon Bradley. She married secondly Benjamin Ellett.

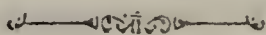
(7) James L. Bradley, son of Betty(6) married and his child was Sarah Ann.

(8) Sarah Ann Bradley, dau. of James(7) married James Morrisett, and their daughter was Helena Ida, who married Elisha P. Dismukes.

(6) Sarah Houchins, dau. of John(5) married Cornelius Ellett. Children were Cornelius, born 1831; Lucy M., born 1834; Beverly, born 1837; William T., born 1841; Sarah, born 1847.

(6) Jack Houchins, son of John(5) married Roxey Doggett.

There will be more information on the King William county Houchins in a later chapter.



## EDWARD HOUTCHENS THE SECOND

(2) Edward Houtchens, son of Edward(1) first appears in the records in Goochland county, Va., in 1737. Goochland county joins Henrico county, in which Richmond is located, on the west, and is in that section of the state between tidewater Virginia and the mountains.

Those whose ancestors were residents of Goochland county are deeply indebted to Mr. Miller, father of the present clerk, Mr. P. G. Miller. Mr. Miller, the elder, was clerk of the court during Civil War days, and when soldiers entered Goochland with the intent to burn the Court House, he not only saved the building from destruction, but saved records which could never be replaced. Pages were cut from the record books by the swords of the officers in charge, to be used for kindling, the books pulled from the shelves and piled upon the floor. Fire was set and the soldiers rode away. Mr. Miller, who had escaped harm, entered the building, extinguished the blaze, and saved the records for posterity.

It is not known when Edward Houtchens came to Goochland county, but the first deed found is for purchase of land on





which he was then living. This may have been soon after the death of his father for often times sons were unable to finance the purchase of land until the settlement of their fathers' estates.

A copy of the deed above referred to follows:

This indenture made the day of - - - in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty (?) Between Henry Webb of the County of Goochland and Elizabeth his wife of the one part and Edward Houtchon of the said county of the other part Witnesseth that the said Henry Webb for and in consideration of twenty-five pounds of lawful money of Virginia by him the said Edward Houtchon to him the said Henry Webb in hand paid before the sealing and delivery thereof the receipt whereof he the said Henry Webb doth hereby acknowledge and hereof doth acquit and discharge the said Edward Houtchon his heirs executors and administrators hath granted bargained sold Enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents doth grant bargain sell Enfeoff and confirm unto the said Edward Houtchon his heirs executors and administrators a Certain Messuage plantation or tract of land whereon the said Edward Houtchon now dwelleth Situate lying and being in the county aforesaid on the north side of James River upon the Little Lickinghole Creek and containing the quantity of two-hundred and fifty acres be it more or less and bounded as follows (towit)

Beginning upon George Paynes line running thence to a Corner Pine upon Charles Christians line thence to a Corner Pine standing on the south side of said Lickinghole Creek thence on Thos Sammons line to a Corner Scrub Oak on Josias Payne thence to the Creek to a Pine standing on the North side of the Creek and thence upon Allin Frazier down the Creek to the dividing line and thence to the place begun at and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof with the appurtenances to have and to hold the said Messuage Plantation and tract of land with its appurtenances unto the said Edward Houtchon his heirs and assigns to the use and behoof of the said Edward Houtchon and assigns forever and the said Henry Webb his heirs executors and administrators the said Messuage Plantation and tract of land with the appurtenances unto him the said Edward Houtchon his heirs and assigns shall and will warrant and forever defend by the profits against the claims and demand of him the said Henry Webb his

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heirs and assigns or any other person whatsoever and the said Henry Webb for himself his heirs executors administrators doth covenant promise and agree to and with the said Edward Houtchon his heirs executors administrators and assigns that the premises and every part thereof are free and discharged from all manner of incumberances and that the said Edward Houtchon his heirs and assigns for and notwithstanding any act or thing by him the said Henry Webb or any other person committed and or suffered shall or lawfully may forever hereafter have hold use occupy possess and enjoy the same and every part thereof with the appurtenances without the lawful lot molestation or eviction of him the said Henry Webb his heirs or assigns or any other person whatsoever. And this indenture further Witnesseth that the aforesaid Elizabeth Webb wife of the said Henry Webb and party to the profits doth freely and voluntarily Relinquish and Release unto the said Edward Houtchon his heirs and assigns all her right and title of dower in aforesaid premises and every part thereof and all actions and demands which she might have and prosecute for a touching the same.

In witness whereof the parties aforesaid to the profits have Interchangably set their hands and affixed their seals this day of year written above.

And he his Wife Enterlined before assigned.

Henry Webb (SEAL)

At a court held for Goochland county May 17, 1737, Henry Webb acknowledged this deed to be his act and deed and it was thereupon admitted to record. Then Elizabeth his wife (she being first privately examined) Relinquished her right of dower in the land conveyed by this deed which was also admitted to record.

Teste. Henry W. Miller

Edward Houtchens acquired other tracts of land in Goochland county in St. James Parish Northam. Rev. William Douglas was the minister of this parish (Dover Church) from 1750 to the time of the Revolutionary War when the Established Church colapsed. Rev. Douglas left a record of births, marriages and burials which is of much value to those interested in the history of Goochland and surrounding counties. See "Douglas Register" compiled by W. Mac Jones for detailed account of Rev. Douglas and the records he kept.

Edward Houtchens made his will the seventh day of Decem-





ber, 1762, and it was filed for probate Febr. 19, 1765.

In the Name of God Amen, I Edward Houtchens of the Parish of St. James Northam In the County of Goochland being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be to Almighty God Have thought Fitt of Disposing of my worldly state.

First I Bequeath my Soul to God. secondly my body to the Earth to be buried according to the Discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned and as for such worldly Estate wherewith hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with after my just Debts and Funeral charges are paid I give demise and dispose in the following manner and form

Item I give to my beloved and lawful wife Aner (Hannah) Houtchens all and singular my movable Estate during her life or widowhood and after her decease then to be equally divided among all her children then surviving

Item I give to John Clements my son-in-law the plantation whereon my son John Houtchens formerly lived with the third part of three hundred and fifty acres joining the said plantation.

Item I give my son Charles Houtchens the plantation whereon he now lives with the third part of the said tract above mentioned.

Item I give my son Francis Houtchens the plantation whereon I now live with his third part of the Land above mentioned.

I appoint my two sons Charles and Francis Houtchens My whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament as Witness my hand and seal this Seventh day of December 1762.

Edward Houtchens (SEAL)

Teste: Jos Payne

Benj Salmon

Tho Potter, Jr.

The above will was produced in court Febr. 19, 1765, and proved by the oaths of Josias Payne and Benjamin Salmon.

Children of Edward and Hannah Houtchens were Charles, Rachael, Elizabeth, Agnes, Francis, Mary, John and Susannah.





## THIRD GENERATION

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### JOHN HOUCHIN, AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA

(3) John Houchin, son of Edward(2) was married to Martha Orford, and for several years after their marriage continued to live in Goochland county. However, like his father, he had the urge to move on to new frontiers which took him to Buckingham and Amherst counties, in Virginia. February 19, 1768, he gave a mortgage to Spiers & Co., Edinburg, Scotland, on land "he now lives on", same being on the branches of Harris's Creek in Graham's Cove, Amherst county, Va. He further pledged as security three feather beds and furniture, four breeding sows, six barrows of a year old each, nineteen piggs marked with a cross and two slits in left ear, and a slit in right ear, one gray mare branded with an 'O' on near buttock five years old, and one dark bay horse about nine years old his brand unknown, and one pen knife. Later when renewing this loan to Alexander Spier & Co., Merchants of Glasgow, North Brittain, he pledged as additional security "one old Felt Hatt".

November 7, 1768, John Houchin purchased ninety-five acres of land from Ambrose Rucker for which he paid five pounds. The records show that from time to time he purchased other tracts, the last one being 200 acres from Bartholomew Ramsey and lying on the north banks of Piney River.

Not much is known of John and Martha Houchin. They probably died about 1785 for the land alteration books of 1784-86 Amherst county show transfer of 318 acres of land to Benjamin Wright from John Houchin. A marginal notation on deed to Benjamin Wright in 1793 states that William Houchin "his heir" delivered original deed to Richard Harrison. (Richard Harrison was an attorney of Amherst county at that time.) The above land lies in what is now Nelson county, Va.

In 1775 John Houchin and his son, Edward, in conjunction with other residents of Amherst county, signed and presented a petition to the Virginia Assembly requesting that a ferry be provided on which to cross the Fluvanna River on the road to Bed-





ford Court House.

Children of John Houchin were Edward, Charles, William, John, Francis, Moses and Elizabeth.

(4) Edward Houchins, son of John (3) had two sons, Bennett and James, according to "The Family Tree", a publication of the West Virginia branch of the family. For more detailed information of that line see this little booklet. In the account of their family it is stated that Bennett remained in the "Old Dominion" and that James went to what is now Monroe county, West Virginia, in 1795. "The Family Tree" carries only the descendants of James Houchins.

Edward Houchins and family moved to Patrick county, Va., about 1791 (his name first appears in the tax books of that year) and remained there until 1795. His next move took him to Greenbriar county, but Bennett remained behind to raise his family in Patrick county. In 1799, four years after his arrival in Greenbriar, that county was divided and a new county, Monroe, was formed, which caused the residence of Edward to be in this new county. Here he died the following year, leaving two sons, as previously mentioned, Bennett and James.

(5) James Houchins, son of Edward (4) left Amherst county with his father when the family moved to Patrick county, and later accompanied him to Greenbriar, part of which, upon division, became Monroe county, West Virginia. Thus, it is this James who heads the West Virginia Houchins. He lived in Monroe county until 1810 when he moved into Giles, an adjacent county.

Like so many men in the latter days of the War of 1812 he enlisted in the Virginia Militia serving as a private in a company designated as Capt. James Hobson's and Capt. David Hudson's Company, 4th Virginia Regiment. His service commenced 16 July 1814, and he was paid to 13 February 1815. For more of the personal life of James Houchins see "The Family Tree". Much of the material on the West Virginia Houchins which follows is taken from that publication and acknowledgement is herewith made.

James Houchins was married to Molly Harvey, daughter of Ben and Susan Ballard Harvey, in 1798. In 1810 he moved with his family to Crump's Bottom on New River, Giles county, Va., now Summers county, West Virginia. He lived in Crump's Bottom many years, but in later life, after his wife's death, he re-





turned to Monroe county, where he lived among his children until his death. He is buried in the Keaton graveyard near his old home of early days. Children of James and Mollie Houchins were John, Benjamin, William, Elizabeth, Polly, Charles, James, Thomas and Nancy.

(6) James Houchins, son of James(5) was born in April of 1808 in Summers county, and died in the same month at the age of eighty-five years. It is said that he was one of the founders of Summers county, and one of its first supervisors. The old records show much of his handiwork. He was a democrat after the War, an old-time whig before, and a Primitive Baptist. He was married to Sally Mann, and their children were Harvey, William Riley, Mary, Emily, Serepty, Julia, Alice, Sarah, and Lou. Mary married a Mr. Belcher; Emily, Mr. Cook; Serepty married Mr. Spradlin; Julia, Mr. Wilburn; Alice wed a Hughes; Sarah a Mr. Dove; and Lou married Mr. Winn.

(7) William Riley Houchins, son of James(6) was born in Summers county May 20, 1842, and married Betty Spradlin in 1865. His death occurred Aug. 5, 1926, in Summers county, West Va. Children were first Henry Arthur, born Aug. 3, 1866. died in August of 1935 in a railroad accident. He was an engineer on the Southern R. R., and while pulling a fast passenger train his engine overturned between Ashville, N. C., and Knoxville, Tenn. The second child of Wm. Riley was Serepta Jane, born April 13, 1868; third child Robert Lee; fourth was Josie, born Sept. 5, 1875; fifth Paul Bernard, born June 3, 1876; sixth Kyle McDaniels, born May 31, 1881; seventh Thomas L., born in October of 1889.

(8) Robert Lee Houchins, son of Wm. R.(7) was born April 12, 1870. He is a resident of Cincinnati, and is a retired railroad conductor. He was the father of five children: Lyle, Carl, George, Thelma and Jean. Lyle, the eldest, was killed in action in France Nov. 1st, 1918, during the first World War. Carl, also a soldier during that war, served in France, but returned home safely, only to re-enlist in the second World War, and die in a training camp at Springfield, Ill., Oct. 4, 1942.

(9) George Houchins, son of Robert(8) was a soldier in the last war, serving in France as did his two older brothers. He is now a resident of Loyd, Ky., and travels for the Francis H. Leggett Wholesale Food Co. He has one son, Robert C., living in





Wilmington, Del.

(9) Thelma Houchins, dau. of Robert(8) married Arthur D. Snyder of the First National Bank of Cincinnati. She is a teacher in the public schools of that city.

(9) Jean Houchins, dau. of Robert(8) is a resident of Amelia, Ohio. She is married to Dr. Gordon L. Schultze, a physician.

(6) Thomas Houchins, son of James(5) moved to Texas many years ago, and it is believed he owned and operated a large fruit farm and business.

(6) Charles Houchins, son of James(5) left West Virginia for Kansas City a number of years ago. One son was James, a resident there in 1928, who was then about eighty years of age.

(6) William Houchins, son of James(5) was born in 1815, and when a boy, went with his brother, James, to New River where he grew to manhood in the Pipestem district. He was married to Mary McDaniel, and their children were William, Ballard, Caroline, Mary, Martha and Celie. William Houchins was an old-time whig until that party became disorganized and was absorbed by the present democratic and republican parties. A union man and a Primitive Baptist, when war broke out between the states he remained loyal to Virginia and cast his lot with the fortunes of the old Commonwealth. He was commissioner of revenue and justice of the peace, being a land owner, and a farmer by occupation. He was also, as well as the rest of the old settlers, a great hunter and trapper. He and William Keaton killed five panthers on Camp Creek in Mercer county, William killing three, Keaton two. He also killed five deer standing on the same spot. He killed in his day at least 300 deer. The Summers County History says of James and William Houchins, "In the passing of these old citizens we are unfortunate in not having more of their personal history for it was of such men that the 'bone and sinew' of the land was composed and by their hardy energy that the country was made habitable and to blossom and bloom as the rose. These Houchins were gruff, rough, strong characterized men without deceit or hypocrisy, and for what they stood was square from the shoulder."

Of William's children Caroline married a Caldwell; Mary and Martha died single; Celie married the famous Baptist minister, Jos. Hubbard.

(7) William J. Houchins, son of William(6) married Alice Bar-





ker, dau. of M. C. Barker, and was a resident of Lerona, West Va. He was one of the oldest and best equipped school teachers of Summers county, and followed that occupation many years. He was also engaged in the mercantile business. He was the father of six sons, one becoming a real estate dealer, one a farmer, three dentists and the other a physician.

(7) Ballard Houchins, son of Wm.(6) lived near the old William, Sr., homestead in the Pipestem district. He was a farmer and a democrat, and one of the brave Confederate soldiers who fought on the side of the "lost cause".

(6) John Houchins, son of James(5) was born Mar. 20, 1799, near Greenville, West Va. He was a carpenter and a mill-wright. He built many saw mills, grist mills and carding machines, and most of the residences of the old town of Centerville, now Greenville. He was a Baptist by faith, and clerk of the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church for twenty-five years up to the time of his death, and in which, several years later, his son, Granville, was minister. In the old church which John Houchins helped to build the first worshipers came to worship in a log hut, with a dirt floor, and they carried their guns with them for protection as did the Pilgrims in days of yore.

John Houchins, who died Aug. 31, 1855, was married in 1824 to Celia Stepp Mann. Twelve children were born to them, one dying in infancy: Caroline, Mary Ann, Allen D., Rufus, William, Amanda, Granville, Syrena, Clayton M., Elizabeth, Thompson.

(7) Caroline Houchins, dau. of John(6) was born May 20, 1825. She married Adam Shanklin, and George Shanklin, telegrapher of Ronceverte, West Va., is a grandson. Lucinda Mann of Talcott, daughter, and Casper A. Shanklin of Hans Creek, Monroe County, a son. After the death of her husband, Caroline married secondly James Cooper, and their son is Allen T., of Lowell, West Va.

(7) Mary Ann Houchins, dau. of John(6) was born July 19, 1826, and married John Ryan. Children were William F., John, Rufus Newton.

(8) William F. Ryan, son of Mary Ann(7) married Lizzie (?) and lives near Zenith, West Va. Children are Mrs. J. E. Mann of Assurance, West Va., Dr. D. M. Ryan of Talcott; Ada and Lucille, teachers at home, and Andrew, deceased.

(8) John Ryan, son of Mary Ann(7) resides at the old home





near "Red" as the Springs are known. One child is Emma.

(8) Rufus N. Ryan, son of Mary Ann(7) and wife, Laura, live near Lowell, West Va.

(7) Allen D. Houchins, son of John(6) was born Sept. 29, 1827. He married Delilah Keaton and their children were John M., of Hinton, West Va., H. C. (mail clerk) Columbus, Ohio, also two daughters.

(7) Rufus Houchins, son of John(6) was born April 4, 1829, and married Margaret E. Bibb July 8, 1858. Children: Mrs. R. N. Ryan of Lowell, West Va., a former school teacher; William M., Mary Susan; Emma; Edward M., Ida; Charles T., Clinton Thomas; Lucy; Omar R.

(8) William M. Houchins, son of Rufus(7) was a school teacher, also an instructor in vocal music. He and wife live at Edray, West Va. Children are Omar R., chief clerk of the C. & O. R. R. Co., Hinton; Carl, died in infancy; Fletcher at home.

(8) Mary Susan Houchins, dau. of Rufus(7) married Manser Harvey, now deceased. Harvey's mother was a daughter of Charles Houchins, brother of John, his wife's grandfather. Children were Nellie, who married Leiton Miller, and lives at Princeton; Mason married Etta Mann, now residing at Princeton; Elbert; two daughters; and Roy at Princeton with whom his mother lives.

(8) Emma Houchins, dau. of Rufus(7) married Luther M. Garvin now of Alderson. She is deceased. Children were Charlotte, a school teacher, who married Mr. Taylor; Charles, expert accountant and superintendant of mining operations; Bob, a member of the West Virginia legislature in 1929 from Fayette county; Glenna, married Chas. B. Mann, and lives at Bluefield, West Va.

(8) Edward M. Houchins, son of Rufus(7) married Jennie Mann, and died in 1915. His family live on a farm near Hillsdale, West Va.

(8) Ida Houchins, dau. of Rufus(7) married her cousin, William Ezra Houchins, and lives in Beckley, West Va.

(8) Charles T. Houchins, son of Rufus(7) married May Lilly. They live at Hinton.

(8) Ryan Houchins, son of Rufus(7) married Ella Mann, and lives near Assurance.

(8) Clinton Thomas Houchins, son of Rufus(7) is a school





teacher, and justice of the peace for his township. He married Miss Allen, dau. of Newton Allen, and they live near Wayside, West Va.

(8) Omar R. Houchins, son of Rufus(7) is a school teacher living near Ballard, West Va. He has one son, Howard.

(7) William Houchins, son of John(6) was born July 9, 1830. The following is part of an account written of William soon after his death: "Descended from prominent families of pioneer Virginia history, his blood can be traced on both sides of the house of John Houchins, his father, to the thrones of Scotland and England. But it is to his great-grandfather, Edward Houchins, English yeoman of pure Saxon origin, that we must look to find those qualities which have made William Houchins, farmer, soldier, and typical American, one of the outstanding characters of his day and age." Like his four brothers, "William volunteered his services to the armies of Lee, his great chieftain, to whom he was most loyal through life and death. And yet after the war he, like his brothers and comrades, became Unionists and Republicans." During the War, "In the midst of a severe fight in which he had little to do except watch out for the horses, William noticed that one of his younger brothers, Granville, was in very great danger. Granville was working as rammer on a cannon that another brother, Clayton, was training and firing. Preferring death himself than see his brother shot down in his tracks, William grabbed him forcibly and stood him sternly behind a nearby tree and he, himself, took the place of his brother where many bullets were constantly whistling a song of death in every man's ear."

William Houchins married Louisa Gum during the latter days of the Civil War. They lived on a farm near the old Houchins home, later moving to Athens, West Va., living there until their death; the old home is now one of the beauty places of that city. Children were Ettie; John Granville; Lizzie; Luther; Elbert F., and Caroline.

(8) Ettie Houchins, dau. of Wm.(7) married John W. Mann. They are the parents of twelve children, and live in the Linside vicinity, Monroe county.

(8) John Granville Houchins, son of Wm.(7) was born Dec. 19, 1867. He is a teamster, trader, school teacher, telegraph operator, druggist, politician, capitalist and is now a resident of Alderson where he is engaged in the drug business. He married





Miss Jarett, and they were the parents of one daughter.

(8)Lizzie Houchins, dau. of Wm.(7) married Cyrus Miller. They operate a hotel in Ohio.

(8)Luther Houchins, son of Wm.(7) lives with his family in Hinton where he is a train despatcher for the C. & O.

(8)Elbert F. Houchins, son of Wm.(7) "is a typical Houchins, bright, witty, generous to a fault."—Family Tree. He is a telegraph operator for the C. & O. at Ft. Springs, Greenbriar county.

(8)Caroline Houchins, dau. of Wm.(7) married Mr. French of Princeton where they now live, and where he is in government work.

(7)Amanda Houchins, dau. of John (6) married Dr. George Thompson. They moved to Haynes, Ark., in 1857. One son was Arthur, who now resides in Memphis, Tenn.

(7)Granville Houchins, son of John(6) was born Sept. 21, 1835, and married Mollie Ballard about 1870. He was a natural orator and after returning home from the Civil War, devoted the remainder of his life to the reformation of a church organization, which in the end failed. He retired to serene old age loved, honored and respected by all. His children were Gilmer, a teacher, who died in early manhood; and Maud.

(8)Maud Houchins, dau. of Granville(7) married D. B. Daugherty, a school teacher and attorney. They are residents of Huntington, West Va., where he has a large law practice. Their children are Hazel, Thomas, Monterey, and Russell Lee.

(7)Serena Houchins, dau. of John(6) married Prof. Henry P. Cummins. After their marriage they moved to Virginia, and it is in Floyd county that most of their descendants are now living. Children are Letcher, Wilda, Celia, Dana, Dr. Ezra, Charlie, Josephine, Caroline, Rosa, Donald and Arthur.

(8)Letcher Cummins, son of Serena(7) married Annie De-Forrest, and their children were Don and Tressie.

(8)Wilda Cummins, child of Serena(7) had Letcher and Marie.

(8)Celia Cummins, dau. of Serena(7) married W. C. De-Forrest. Their children were Clayce, Blanch, and Ollie May.

(8)Dana Cummins, dau. of Serena(7) married William A. Altizer. Children were Ernest William; Herman J., Eslic Henry; Fred R., Ruby Thelma.

(9)Ernest W. Altizer, son of Dana(8) married Hazel Butler.





He is credit manager of the Roanoke House of Armour & Co. One child is Jean Elizabeth.

(9) Herman J. Altizer, son of Dana(8) married Anna Crowley. He is with the Norfolk & Western R. R. Co. One child is Herman.

(9) Eslie Altizer, son of Dana(8) married Bedia Thomas, and is in the employ of the Norfolk and Western. He is a noted violinist, having won many prizes in music contests. He often broadcasts over station WDBJ with his "Jug Band", a recording orchestra. Two children are Eslie and Thelma LaVerne.

(9) Fred R. Altizer, son of Dana(8) is a pharmacist, and lives at Bentleyville, Penn.

(9) Ruby Thelma Altizer, dau. of Dana(8) married Lawrence L. Roberts, road contractor of Pulaski, Va. She entered nurses training school at Christiansburg, Va., and also received training at Norfolk Protestant Hospital, Norfolk, Va. She won a medal for being the best nurse, and having the highest grades of any nurse in the Hospital.

(8) Caroline Cummins, dau. of Serena(7) married James Meritt Altizer, brother of her sister's husband. Children were Annie; Lena; Donald; Daisy; Beulah; Eugenia; Glenna; Charles; Posey; Stella and Roy.

(7) Clayton Marion Houchins, son of John(6) was born Mar. 14, 1839, and married Martha Jane Harvey Jan. 30, 1866. In 1861 he enlisted in Lowery's Battery, confederate army, with three of his brothers. He was a gunner, which gave him a corporal's rating. His campaigns were principally in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, and engagements in which he took part were the Battles of Bull Run, Cedar Creek, first and second Battles of Winchester, Va. He died at the home of his son, Lewis, age eighty-eight years. Children were James F., Mary Catherine; Celia Frances; William Ezra; Virgil Clayton; Lewis Thompson; and Henry B.

(8) James Fletcher Houchins, son of Clayton(7) was born Dec. 20, 1866, and married Carrie S. Beach of Holly, N. Y., Oct. 1, 1902. They have an adopted daughter, Annie Josephine. After living two years in New York they moved to California, later returning to the old home in West Virginia.

James Houchins has been a carpenter and builder, a school teacher, and is now a newspaper publisher in Beckley, West Va.





(8) Mary Catherine Houchins, dau. of Clayton(7) married George R. Peck, and lived in Glen Morgan, West Va., at the time of her death January 8, 1927. She was an accomplished musician and music teacher. There was an adopted daughter, Marie.

(8) Celia Frances Houchins, dau. of Clayton(7) married Henry F. Mann, and they live on a farm near Buck on Little Wolfe Creek. They have three sons, Oren Everett; Oscar Burman; Henry Clarence, and an adopted daughter, Eva.

(9) Oren Mann, son of Celia(8) was born Sept. 1, 1893. He began teaching at seventeen, and before he had reached his majority, taught three successful terms of school; obtained one of the three number one certificates out of three in the county; appointed city mail carrier from Hinton over eighteen competitors; nominated by two political parties for county superintendent in Summers county, all before he was twenty-one years old.

(9) Oscar Mann, son of Celia(8) is also a teacher, beginning at the age of sixteen, and taught several schools before becoming of age.

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(9) Henry Mann, son of Celia(8) is engaged in farming.

(8) William Ezra Houchins, son of Clayton(7) was born Mar. 14, 1871, married his cousin, Ida Houchins, Oct. 10, 1892. Children are Earl Robert, born Aug. 16, 1893, a musician and school teacher; Cary; Basil; Henry; and an adopted daughter, Lucy.

(8) Virgil Clayton Houchins, son of Clayton(7) a twin, is a farmer, and unmarried.

(8) Lewis Thompson Houchins, son of Clayton(7), the other twin, married Mintie Canterbury, and their children are Myrtle and Clayton.

(8) Henry Butt Houchins, son of Clayton(7) was born May 17, 1875, married Minnie Biggs in 1901, and died Dec. 1, 1907.

(7) Elizabeth Houchins, dau. of John(6) married Woodson R. Cummins, a Primitive Baptist minister, who later took up the study of medicine and became a practicing physician. He was a brother of Henry Cummins, who married his wife's sister, Serena. They also moved to Virginia. Their children were Clayton; Tot; Wilsie; Everett; Dr. William W., Lonnie; Harley; Kate; Minnie; Maud; Susan; Lottie and Luther. Two sons, J. H. and L. A. were Baptist ministers.

(7) Thompson Houchins, son of John(6) married Lizzie McCreery, and died in 1914 near Alderson, West Va. He was one





of the veteran school teachers of Monroe county. His children were Jennie, who married Walter Palmer; Ellen, an accomplished musician and singer; John, a carpenter of Alderson; Robert and Otis, both telegraph operators; Mary and Ethel, twins; Harriet, a school teacher; Carl, a carpenter, who remained at home with his father until the latter's death.

In 1880, at the age of seventy-five, Mrs. Celia Houchins, wife of John(6) could say she had eleven children living, eighty-five grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren. Only one of her twelve children had died, and that one in infancy.

### A STRANGE INCIDENT

John Houchins, as has been previously stated, was an active member of the Baptist Church, and its clerk for twenty-five years, or up until the time of his death. In 1855 he and his son, Rufus, drove from their home in Monroe county, West Virginia, in a one horse buggy, to attend a Baptist Association meeting in Indiana. When returning home he became very ill, and on reaching a dwelling house about a half mile west of Deep Water, West Va., he asked the owner, Mason Coleman, if he might sit on the porch to rest a while. Directly he became so violently ill that he was taken into the house and put to bed. He continued to grow worse through the night, and before morning dawned he had passed away. He was buried the following day a short distance from the house in which he died, and his son continued his journey home alone. In October of that same year his body was removed from the Coleman place and re-interred in the Keaton Cemetery.

Many years later, in 1925, Clayton Houchins desired to see the place where his father had died. A trip by auto was therefore arranged, and he had his wish fulfilled. While there he met a lady, Mrs. Margaret Coleman Mahood, who, as a child of ten, well remembered his father dying there seventy years before. When she learned from where Clayton Houchins came, she remarked that she had had a brother, a soldier, who died in that section of the country during the Civil War. Houchins, himself a veteran, asked the name of her brother, and she replied that





it was James Coleman. Hearing the name he recalled an incident he had heard his mother relate many years before of a sick soldier boy who had stopped at her home, and who she had taken care of until he shortly died.

As Clayton remembered the story the boy, weary and sick, had presented himself at his mother's door for something to eat and a place to rest. Seeing the condition he was in Mrs. Houchins readily admitted him and cared for him as she would want some mother to care for her sons who were off to war. There was but little food left in the house, and no money with which to buy, so she opened her feather bed, took out a goodly portion of feathers, which she sent to the store at Centerville, now Greenville, West Va., and traded for rice to make a gruel for the boy. In spite of the care she gave him, James Coleman passed away, and she saw to his decent burial.

Little did Celia Houchins realize when she took James Coleman into her home that she was giving succor to a son of the house in which her own husband had died only a few years before.

It is said Mrs. Houchins never turned a stranger from her door, and she was especially kind to the many soldier boys who were frequently traveling through that section of the country.

(5) Bennett Houchins, son of Edward(4) "who remained in the Old Dominion" was born about 1770. He accompanied his parents to Patrick county in 1791, and as previously stated, when Edward moved on to Monroe county, Bennett remained behind. He was married to Margaret (?) and died about 1812. (His name was dropped from the tax roll that year.) Margaret is listed as head of the family in the 1820 census, and in 1850, age eighty years, she was living with her daughter, Agnes Akers. Children were John; William; Bennett; Moses; Agnes; George.

(6) John Houchins, son of Bennett(5) was born in 1805 near Woolwine, Va. He married Esther (?) and their children were Abram W., Lighthorse Harry Lee; America; Isaac Columbus; Moses L., born 1834; Elcannah, born 1837.

(7) Abram W. Houchins, son of John(6) was born in Patrick county, Va., in 1828. He married Martha (?) and two children were Mary J., born 1848, and Nancy E., born 1849.

(7) America Houchins, dau. of John(6) was born in 1830. She married a Mr. Elgin.





(7) Isaac Columbus Houchins, son of John(6) was born in 1838, in Patrick county, Va. He was married to Jathina Adams and their children were James T., Charles C., of Philadelphia; Mollie, who married a Mr. Hooker, and lives at Nokesville, Va., (1932) Winnie, who married Mr. Morrison, and now deceased; Thomas Y., Kemper A., of Middleburg, Va., Etta, who married Mr. Terrell, and lives at Crewe, Va., Dovie, who married a Mr. Ross, and lives at Roanoke, Va., Myrtie, who married Mr. Bryant, and lives in Upper Darby, Pa.

(8) Thomas Yancey Houchins, son of Isaac(7) was born in Patrick county, Va., Mar. 11, 1872. He is a Railway Postal Clerk and lives in Roanoke, Va. His children are Mrs. L. T. St. Claire, Salem, Va., Thomas Y., Jr., Roanoke; Anne Mosely; Margery Moore; Lois Geraldine; Elna Virginia; Charles Walker; William Earl.

(8) James Tyler Houchins, son of Isaac(7) was born at Woolwine, Patrick county, Va., in 1856. He married Mary Ellen Hooker, and now (1932) lives at Stoneville, North Carolina. Children are John C., of Readsville, N. C., Willie A., Leaksville, N. C., Walter Lee, Jacksonville, Fla., James R., Bowling Green, Ky., Laura and Mrs. Alice DeHart, both of Leaksville; and George L.

(9) Dr. George Lafayette Houchins, son of James(8) was born June 9, 1886, in Patrick county, Va. He is a veterinarian and lives in Martinsville, Va. His children are Daphne Marie, Zula O. Salmons, Woolwine, Va.

(6) William Houchins, son of Bennett(5) was born in 1807 in Patrick county, Va. He married Joyce (?) and their children were John B., Mary, born 1831; Nancy J., 1833; William R., John, 1838; Matilda, 1841; Ann, 1843.

Isaac Newton Houchins son of John Houchins of Greenbriar county, W. Va., states that his grandfather was Bennett Houchins. His father, a Civil War soldier, born in Mercer county, W. Va., was married to Mary Jane Thompson, and died in 1884. Children were John H., Annie C., who married Mr. Call; James A., Catherine; Bettie V., who married Mr. Janes; William S., Isaac Newton; Charles C. Isaac N., was born in Greenbriar county Sept. 11, 1873, and lives near Dawson, W. Va. His children are Earl C., John W., William P., Mamie T., Violet S., Lister N., Layuna V., and Chester L.





## A POEM OF THE WEST VIRGINIA FAMILY

The story about that unmarked grave over by Peterstown,  
About Grandma Milly Ballard sleeping 'neath a nameless mound,  
Recalls another of like portend in the same old county, Monroe,  
In the Springfield section of Indian Creek Valley of the long, long ago.

Grandma Milly is our heroine, and Ballard was her name  
Until she married one, Jacob Mann, of a family of local fame.  
For Jacob Mann was the father's name, from Germany came he,  
And he made powder in Maddy's Cove for Washington's Army.  
And this Jacob, senior, shod horses, forty in one day,  
Horses ridden by patriots bold, who whipped King George, they say.  
Now our Milly had a brother, Jerry, and another who owned a 'still'.  
Jerry lived at Rock Camp, Willis lived on the hill  
Above the old home in the Valley where Celia Estep was born,  
The oldest child of Jake and Milly, their humble home to adorn.

Two hundred years have passed away since Edward Houchins came,  
Saxon born on English soil, to Virginia to make his hame.  
Two sons had Ed, the oldest Jim, and Molly was Jim's bride,  
Daughter of old Ben Harvey, who lived on the Great Divide.  
Jim Houchin's oldest son was John. He married Celia Mann,  
Oldest child of Grandma Milly, or so the story ran.  
Of eleven children, five boys, six girls, Clayton only survives,  
Eighty-eight and going strong, near Beckley he resides.

Martha Harvey became Clayton's wife, their oldest son was Jim,  
And Carrie Beach of old New York became a bride to him.  
Carrie's father, of ancient name, sprang from the Adams Clan,  
And in her blood there flows a strain of old King Powhatan.

Monroe county Harveys, of an ancient English race,  
Were knighted men of olden times who fell from power and place.  
Our Ballards are of Scotch descent, brave, bold and free;  
They fought for home and country from mountain to the sea.

From Germany came our Monroe Manns; they loved the Fatherland.  
For God, for home and country they always took their stand.  
And for neighborly acts and chivalrous deeds there is no other clan,  
Who comes so near perfection as Ballard-Houchins-Mann.

—The Family Tree.





## THE HOUCHINS OF SOUTHERN KENTUCKY

The Houchins who settled in southern Kentucky along the Green River in the latter part of the eighteenth century and early part of the nineteenth century were of the family of John Houchin of Amherst county, Virginia. John, son of the above John just mentioned, was the first Kentucky Houchin to leave Amherst to seek new lands in the rugged country of Augusta county, Virginia. Soon to follow, however, were brothers, William, Francis and Moses; and later to Kentucky came Charles. For more of these men see after each individual's name.

Augusta county in an early day was made up of most of the present western counties of Virginia and eastern counties of West Virginia, and when Bath county, Virginia, was formed in 1791 from part of Augusta that portion which was cut off included the land of these Houchins, by which action they were made residents of Bath county.

(4) John Houchin, son of John(3) had settled along the banks of Back Creek of the Greenbriar River by 1780, where he continued to live until his removal to Kentucky. Augusta county records state that in 1790 he moved to Kentucky, and records in Bath county reveal that September 10, 1791, he and wife, Patty, sold to Jacob Warrick 130 acres of land on East Branch of Green Briar River called Back Creek for "35 current money of Virginia".

In 1796 John Houchin entered land in Logan county, Ky. Prior to 1797 only soldiers of the Revolution were permitted to take up land south of the Green River in Kentucky. After 1797 any head of family twenty-one years or over could file claim for this land. The fact that he was granted land in 1796 indicates that John Houchin was a Revolutionary War soldier.

In 1799 John Houchin took up 200 acres of land in Warren county, Ky., and in later years he acquired other tracts. When Edmonson county was formed from Warren county in 1826, that placed the residence of John Houchin in Edmonson county.

The following is taken from a historical article of the Houchin family of Edmonson county by the Hon. Charles E. Whittle, attorney of Brownsville, Kentucky:





"Two John Houchins came from Virginia in the early days and settled on Green River. They were cousins and neighbors, and to distinguish them from one another each had a nickname. One of them was called Johnny Dick Houchin. (NOTE: Since this article was written it has been found that the two Johns were father and son, Johnny Dick being the son.) He is said to have come to this section directly from Richmond, and is known to have built his cabin on the Green River hills as early as 1797, for on July 3rd of that year a public road was opened from Bowling Green to his place. Like the other settlers of that time he built his cabin where nature beckoned him regardless of who owned the land on which it was located. Five years later, however, he went down to the little village of Bowling Green and had about 200 acres of land around his "improvement" entered and surveyed. This land was on the south side of Green River, from about the Stice Island down stream a half mile or so. From the River it extended back about three quarters of a mile, including the Big Valley and the level upland where the E. E. Whittle homestead stands. Cane brakes and cliffs, valley and upland, virgin timber, and at least a half dozen fine springs combined with Green River to make this spot a paradise for the hunter. Bear and deer abounded, and perhaps the buffalo had not quite all gone when this young pioneer settled here. Wild turkey and the smaller game were everywhere. Wolves, too, were numerous and annoying. In his older days, for Uncle Johnny Dick lived to the ripe old age of ninety odd, and died after the Civil War, he enjoyed relating to his children his hunting experiences in the early days when he was young. One of his stories centered around a camp fire he built at the upper end of the shoals where Sander's Ferry is now located, and related how a pack of wolves came up to within the shadows of the firelight and growled and scolded much to his discomfort through the night.

"With him from "Ol' Virginny" came his older brother, Charles Houchin, who built his cabin nearby and in 1801 laid claim to 400 acres, including his "improvement", and adjoining his brother's farm. Charles Houchin was a Revolutionary soldier and lived to be old. The records at Brownsville as late as 1826 show that he was preparing papers to get the pension allowed all Revolutionary soldiers. Among their neighbors were Ezekial Hambrey, Nathan N. Whooten and William Miller.





"Johnny Dick Houchin spent much time on the River. He established a ferry across Green River at his place as early as 1815, for in that year he was appointed road overseer from his ferry to Dripping Spring. An article appearing in the "News" a few weeks ago concerning the early roads in The Forks indicated that the first road leading out of that section of Edmonson county crossed Green River at the old Houchin Ferry where Sander's Ferry is now kept.

"All of this occurred some years before the establishment of Edmonson county, and in what was then Warren county. He did not remain for many years on his original settlement, but crossed into the Forks and moved down stream a few miles near to the mouth of the Nolin. Here he made his home on the great tongue-shaped promontory which thrusts itself out between the two rivers near their confluence. In his old age he continued to live there with his son, Jesse Houchin, the father of Uncle Jesse I., Uncle Robby; Uncle Asa; Uncle Dude (John D.) who are as well known, or remembered, by the present generation.

"Uncle Johnny Dick Houchin was one of the best flatboat steersmen, or pilots, on the River from here to New Orleans according to O. P. Shackleford who knew him nearly a hundred years ago. He frequently piloted a flatboat, with its cargo of tobacco, from the warehouse at the Turnhole, or from Brownsville, down Green River and the Ohio and the Mississippi to the international market at New Orleans. It was a long, hazardous trip, and none but a careful and experienced river man could steer the craft safely passed the shoals and bends which challenged him. One of the danger spots was a large, jutting rock in the big bend of the Green River above the mouth of Nolin, and opposite Johnny Dick Houchin's home. Many a flat boat, and in later years, many a raft of saw logs, have run aground and gone to pieces on Johnny Dick's Rock, as this point was known to river men.

According to his grandson, Jesse Houchin, however, Johnny Dick Houchin was not so experienced or so good a pilot as his cousin, Johnny Frank Houchin, the other immigrant who lived further up Green River on the south side about where Garrett Davis lived. Johnny Frank Houchin is reputed to have made forty-nine trips down the River by flatboat to New Orleans, and to have said that he was going to make the trip once more "in





the spring" and quit. But, alas, his last trip was made in the spring, not down the River to New Orleans, but across "The River" into Eternity.

"Uncle Johnny Frank Houchin was the father of Capt. Frank Houchin, and the grandfather of Pate Houchin, and others yet living here. He was a brother to another old pioneer immigrant, (Will) Dave Houchin, the father of Willis C. Houchin, the surveyor, many of whose descendants yet live in Edmonson county.

"Benjamin Houchin, Cedar Springs Valley, and James Houchin had their homes in Edmonson county at the time it was established. Each lived in The Forks, and was closely akin to those already mentioned."

It is here necessary to explain the statement which is contained in parenthesis at the beginning of the above article. John D. Houchin was the son of an elder John as stated, but the John, or Johnny Frank, of Mr. Whittle's narrative was a cousin of John D. as he asserts. Johnny Frank, however, was not an immigrant; he was born in Kentucky, and was the son of Francis Houchin, an immigrant brother of Johnny Dick's father, John. John D. Houchin was an immigrant, as Mr. Whittle states, but he came with his parents as a young man when this family emigrated to Kentucky, and the John of Mr. Whittle's article who entered land in 1797 was John the elder. The Benjamin and James mentioned at the close of the above narration were brothers of Johnny Dick and sons of John Houchin, senior.

Nothing more can be said of this older John except that he died in 1838, and left for record the following will:

"In the name of God, Amen: Life being uncertain and death more certain I make this mi last will and testament. Mi will first is that at mi death mi man Hasklin and Rose his wife in consequence of their having been faithful servants shall be set free. I give and bequeath to mi son James Houchin one dollar, I give and bequeath to mi son Charles Houchin one dollar, I give and bequeath to mi son Benjamin Houchin one dollar, I give and bequeath to mi son Jesse Houchin one dollar, I give and bequeath to mi son William Houchin one dollar, I give and bequeath to mi son John Houchin one dollar, I give and bequeath to mi daughter Celia Wolsey one dollar, I give and bequeath to mi daughter Charlotte McCory one dollar, I give and bequeath





to mi daughter Elizabeth Blankenship one dollar. Mi will further is that after paying the above sums bequeathed to each one of mi children above mentioned and paying all mi just debts that I give and bequeath all the balance of mi property both real and personal with the exception herein mentioned to mi daughter Nancy Eaton, this I do in consequence of her care and attention towards miself and her mother in our old age and infirmity.

As witness mi hand this 19th day of December 1837, interlined before.

John Houchin

Teste: J. D. Harborn  
Elizabeth Deen."

The above was proved in Edmonson Co. court Oct. 12, 1838.

(5) James Houchin, son of John(4) moved to Indiana in 1815 where records show he purchased land in the town (perhaps township) of Darlington, county of Warrick, territory of Indiana. He was living there as late as 1847. One child was Celia, who married Alfred Magill. James Houchin was a member of the Kentucky militia at the time of the War of 1812, but when the militia was called the records show that a substitute was sent, perhaps because he was then a resident of Indiana.

(5) Charles Houchin, son of John(4) was married to Betsy Blair in Warren county, Ky., Nov. 18, 1810. Two children were Charles and William.

(6) Charles Houchin, son of Chas.(5) was born in 1812. Dec. 16, 1839, he married Sarah Ann Wingfield. In 1860 they were residents of Warren county, Ky., and children were Sarah, born 1846; Alex, born 1850; John F., born 1854; Alphonzo, born 1858.

(7) Sarah J. Houchin, dau. Chas.(6) was born in 1846. She married James W. Arnold March 3, 1864.

(6) William Houchin, son of Chas.(5) was born in 1813. He was married to Louisa Hains Oct. 6, 1831. Children were Charles, Cleopatria, Angerona, and Joseph.

(7) Charles Houchin, son of Wm.(6) was born in 1834. He married Margaret Ellen Wells, daughter of Hillory Wells, Aug. 8, 1856. Charles Houchin was a Union soldier during the Civil War. Soon after their marriage Charles and Ellen moved to Missouri where their oldest child, Malinda, was born. They soon returned to Kentucky, however, where these other children were born: William H., Eliza A., Madora P., Sarah E., Clara H., Mary E., H. J., Susan A., and Julia E. Margaret Ellen Houchin





died in 1903, mentioning the above named children in her will.

(8) Malinda Houchin, dau. of Chas.(7) was born in Missouri in 1858. She married James W. Hunt of Edmonson county Dec. 25, 1875; at her home in Edmonson county.

(8) Eliza A. Houchin, dau. of Chas.(7) was born in 1862, and married Sept. 26, 1885, to Neri Jent.

(8) Madora P. Houchin, dau. of Chas.(7) was born in 1864. She married J. A. Spainhoward March 20, 1881.

(8) Sarah E. Houchin, dau. of Chas.(7) was born in 1866, and was married Dec. 1, 1887, to Joseph Mills.

(8) Clara Houchin, dau. of Chas.(7) married Mr. Mills.

(8) Susan A. Houchin, dau. of Chas.(7) married Mr. Johnson.

(8) Henry J. Houchin, son of Chas.(7) married Mary Cowles Dec. 19, 1894.

(5) Benjamin Wright Houchin, son of John(4) and his wife, Permelia, were living in Pike county, Indiana, in 1847. In 1853 he was living in Warrick county, Ind. Note that it was Benjamin Wright who purchased the land of John Houchin of Amherst county, Virginia, when settlement of his estate was made.

(5) Jesse Houchin, son of John(4) was born May 4, 1798. He was married to Elizabeth Clifford, and children were Leright, Jesse, George, and Chesterfield. The following is taken from the History of Pike and Dubois Counties, Indiana: "Leright Houchin is the son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Clifford) Houchin. The father was born May 17, 1798, in Kentucky, and the mother, a native of the same state, was born in 1796. Soon after their marriage they moved to Gibson county, Ind., and located in Pike county in 1827. They lived three years near Honey Springs, then moved to Lockhart Township, where the father died in 1861. Our subject was born Oct. 25, 1825, in Gibson county, Ind., and in early life received but little schooling, never having attended more than seven months. When twenty-one years old he began clearing up a farm for himself, but not being satisfied with his surroundings he sold out and bought 160 acres of the farm on which he now lives. He now owns 775 acres of land, 340 under cultivation. October 25, 1846, Sarah Davis became his wife. She was born February 11, 1827, and is the daughter of Jesse and Nancy (Mason) Davis. Her father was one of the heroes who fought at the battle of New Orleans. Her mother, who was born in 1797, still lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Houchin three children were born:





Devore C., Theodore P., Commodore D., all of whom are married, settled in the neighborhood, and doing well. Mr. Houchin is a republican, and cast his first vote for Clay. He and wife and son, Commodore, belong to the Baptist church."

(6)Leright Houchin, son of Jesse(5) born Oct. 25, 1825, is referred to above; also sons Devore, Theodore and Commodore.

(7)Devore C. Houchin, son of Leright(6) was born in Indiana in 1846. He married Mary Pancake Aug. 28, 1869.

(7)Theodore P. Houchin, son of Leright(6) was born in 1850, and was married June 4, 1871 to Julia Ann Simmons.

(7)Commodore D. Houchin, son of Leright(6) was married Febr. 26, 1874, to Sarah A. Burch.

(6)Clifford Houchin, son of Jesse(5) was born June 9, 1820. On January 8, 1841, he was married to Sarah M. Taylor. In 1850 Nancy Taylor, born in Georgia, mother of Sarah, was living with them. Their children were Leright, Samantha, Jesse, George Emery, Columbus, Joseph, Benjamin, and Lieumara.

(7)Leright Houchin, son of Clifford(6) was born Dec. 20, 1861, in Pike county, Indiana, and is now (1930) living at Velpen, Ind. Children are Millard, Melvin, Elta, Elma, and Commodore.

(8)Millard Houchin, son of Leright(7) married Carrie Dickson. They live in Huntingburg, Ind.

(8)Melvin Houchin, son of Leright(7) married Elizabeth Reignbolt; residence Huntingburg.

(8)Elta, or Etta, Houchin, dau. of Leright(7) married Hurly Blair. Their home is at Whiting, Ind.

(8)Elma Houchin, dau. of Leright(7) married George Jones, and resides at Whiting.

(8)Commodore Houchin, son of Leright(7) of Velpen, Ind., has two children Walter and Thelma.

(7)Samantha Houchin, dau. of Clifford(6) married Mr. Davis. They live at Moline, Ill.

(7)Jesse Houchin, son of Clifford(6) was born Febr. 28, 1845, in Gibson county, Ind. He married Celia Wolsey, and children were George, Beeler, Eva, Clifford, Sarah and William Sherman.

(8)Beeler Houchin, son of Jesse(7) was born Jan. 31, 1877, in Pike county, Ind., and died June 30, 1933, at Princeton, Ind. He married Lizzie Wiley. Children were Paul of Princeton; Willard of Princeton; Mabel and Millard, deceased; and Arvel.

(9)Arvel Houchin, son of Beeler(8) was born in Pike county,





Ind., Aug. 23, 1897. He and family are residents of Owensville, Ind. Children are Virginia, Robert and Patricia Ann.

(8) William Sherman Houchin, son of Jesse(7) was born Sept. 23; 1866, in Dubois county, Ind., and was married to Lucy Ann Davis. Children were Clara, who married Mr. Smith, and lives in East St. Louis; Harvey of Patoka, Indiana; Verle of Mt. Carmel, Ill., and Jesse.

(9) Jesse Houchin, son of Wm.(8) was born Nov. 23, 1892, and married Pearl Shafer. Children are Louisa, Esther Jane, Estes James, and Verle.

(7) Columbus Houchin, son of Clifford(6) had two children: J. Downey and Jesse, these two being half brothers.

(6) Lieumara Houchin, dau. of Jesse(5) married Mr. Huffman.

(6) Chesterfield Houchin, son of Jesse(5) was born in 1831 near Roundtop Hill, and was married to Nancy Smith July 25, 1846. Children were Harrison, born 1847; David, born 1849.

(7) David J. Houchin, son of Chesterfield(6) married in War-  
rick county, Ind., Nancy E. Houghland May 13, 1872.

(6) Jesse Houchin, son of Jesse(5) was born in 1823.

(6) George Houchin, son of Jesse(5) was born in 1829.

(5) William Houchin, son of John(4) was born in 1777, and came to Kentucky with his father in the 1790's. He married Lavisa Creek, who was born in Kentucky Dec. 5, 1788. In 1818 William Houchin and family, in company with his brother, Jesse, moved from Warren county, Kentucky, to Indiana, settling first in Gibson county, later Posey county. Dec. 23, 1828, while a resident of the latter county, he gave deed to land in Edmonson county, Kentucky "which is a survey made in the name of William Houchin in 1816".

In 1829 William Houchin and family moved to Logan county, Illinois, then a part of Sangamon county, and here he lived until his death Dec. 19, 1855. His wife died Dec. 3, 1863, and both are buried in Timber Cemetery six miles south of Atlanta, Illinois. John T. Houchin, a grandson, states that William was known as Bucky Houchin. Children were John, Margaret, Ervin, given also as Ewin, Delphia, Nancy, Saulsbury, Asbury, Harvey, Preston, Thomas Jefferson, William Jackson, and Enoch. It is interesting to note that at least two of these children, Ervin and Saulsbury, were named for the Ervin and Saulsbury families, who were neighbors of the Houchins while residents of Bath





county, Virginia.

(6) Margaret or 'Peggy' Houchin, dau. of Wm.(5) was born Febr. 16, 1806, in Kentucky, and died Aug. 16, 1896, in De Witt county, Ill. She was married to James Barr, and they were the parents of nine children, her eldest daughter, LaVisa, marrying Willoughby Randolph.

(6) Ervin Houchin, son of Wm.(5) was born Febr. 3, 1814, and died Jan. 22, 1895. The following is taken from the History of Livingston County, Illinois: "Ervin Houchin, farmer, post-office, Odell, one of the earliest settlers of Livingston county, was born near the Mammoth Cave, Ky., Febr. 3, 1814; when he was about four years old his parents came to Gibson county, Indiana, and in 1829 to Logan county, Ill., then a part of Sangamon county; in 1835 Mr. Houchin came to what is now Livingston county, and opened a farm in Newton, and resided in that township, although not on the same farm, until 1865, when he moved to Odell; he owned at one time 600 acres of land, and still owns about 450 acres in the county; when he first came to this country he used to work for \$.25 a day and take his pay in store goods; his market was Chicago, 100 miles distant; the best wheat brought \$.50 a bushel, and from that down to \$.25; oats, after being hauled 100 miles, sold for \$.10 a bushel; Mr. Houchin estimated that he chopped and split fully 100,000 rails in Illinois; he is the only man now living in the county who built a cabin here prior to the Fall of 1835; he built the second cabin in Newton. He was married Nov. 26, 1835, to Miss Rachael Hedges of Ohio county, Kentucky; she died Jan. 4, 1870; they had eight children, two of whom are living—Saulsbury M. and John W. Four sons lost their lives for the Union, viz: William R., Henry; James; Willoughby R., one son, Alston, died in 1856, and a daughter, Emeline, in 1871. Mr. Houchin was married again June 29, 1870, to Mrs. Barbara Hagar of Odell." The second wife, Barbara, later moved to Geneva, Nebraska, where she lived the remainder of her life.

(7) Emeline Houchin, dau. of Ervin(6) was born in 1843, and married Mr. Cavanaugh. Children were Marion Butler Cavanaugh of Omaha, Nebr., and Mary Louisa, who married Mr. O'Hara, and lives in Denver.

(7) William R. Houchin, son of Ervin(6) was born in 1836, and married Cardine C. Hedges Oct. 22, 1859. According to the





History of Livingston County he died during the Civil War. His children were Albert M. of Barker county, Kansas; Riley Ann, who married Mr. Huston, and lives in Butler county, Kansas; Ida, who married Mr. Shyrer, of Butler county, Kansas.

(7)Saulsbury Houchin, son of Ervin(6) was born in 1837. He married Sarah Hagar, and two children were Saulsbury and William.

(8)William Houchin, son of Saulsbury(7) had children, Bert of Strang, Nebr., Archie of Manville, Wyo.(He may be a son of Bert); Delenzo, Wilbur and Saul.

(9)Delenzo Houchin, son of Wm.(8) had the following children: Edward, Hazel, Ruby, Doris and Wayne.

(9)Wilbur Houchin, son of Wm.(8) lived at Stewart, Nebr.

(9)Saul Houchin, son of Wm.(8) lives in Alberta, Canada.

(7)James Houchin, son of Ervin(6) was born in 1838, and married Amanda Cox Aug. 25, 1860. He was reported killed in the Civil War.

(7)John Wesley Houchin, son of Ervin(6) was born in 1851 and married Maggie H. Hoke Sept. 29, 1877. Children were Ada Pearl, born Febr. 14, 1878; Maude, married Mr. Knudsen; John W., born 1881, Cornell, Ill., married Jennie May Zyphers Dec. 24, 1912; Marie, married Mr. Honburg, and one son was Harold.

(6)Saulsbury Houchin, son of Wm.(5) was born in 1825, and married Rachael Phillips. Children were William Edward; Orlando; Jacob; Emma; Mate, who married a Miss Miller and lives in Omaha; Minnie; Mary A., who married Mr. Mills, and is a resident of Los Angeles; and Grace, who married Mr. Webb. They live in Columbus, Ohio; Emma married Mr. Miller, and lives in Allegheny, N. Y.

(7)Orlando C. Houchin, son of Saulsbury(6) was born in 1854 and died at the age of ninety-three in Billings, Mont. He was an early resident of Geneva, Nebr. Children surviving him are a daughter, Louise B. Donisthorpe and a son, Glen, both of Billings, Mont.

(6)Asbury Houchin, son of Wm.(5) was born in Posey county, Ind., Oct. 19, 1827, and married Margaret Strange of Logan county, Ill. He was a veteran of the Civil War, and soon after its close he emigrated to Iowa (1866) settling on the Des Moines river in Des Moines township, Dallas county. The farm home was two miles east and a mile south of the present town of





Woodward. The postoffice then was Xenia, a mile east of what is now Woodward. Asbury Houchin lived his life on this farm where he died Aug. 9, 1894. Children were William, John, Alvin, Ada, Sherman, Kate, Minnie, and Samantha, who was born in Logan county, Ill., 1849. Ada married Mr. Ziegler, and moved to Des Moines; Sherman is thought to have gone to South Dakota.

(7) Kate Houchin, dau. of Asbury(6) married Chusa Winslow. Their daughter married Walter Kahler, and is now a resident of Grainger, Iowa.

(6) Harvey Houchin, son of Wm.(5) was born in 1822, and married Lavina Jones. Their home was Atlanta, Ill.

(6) Preston Houchin, son of Wm.(5) was born in Kentucky July 24, 1813. He was married to Elizabeth Bonnine, born in Indiana Aug. 31, 1821, died 1873. Preston accompanied his parents to Logan county, Ill., in 1829, later moving to Livingston county where he lived the remainder of his life. Children were William, born May 6, 1839; Rachael, born Jan. 24, 1841, died April 17, 1926; Sylvia, born Jan. 3, 1844; Mahala, born Dec. 25, 1846; Elizabeth, born 1849, died 1909; John, born Febr. 9, 1852; David; Margaret, born Apr. 1, 1857; Harvey, born Sept. 2, 1864; Hattie, born March 31, 1867.

Preston Houchin married secondly Martha Jane O'Neil; they had one child, Emma Florence.

(7) John Houchin, son of Wm.(6) was born in Fulton county, Ill. After his marriage to Hattie Burk he lived in Cornell, Ill., where three children were born, two dying in infancy, the other, Emanuel, now (1930) a resident of California. John, following the death of his wife, married Susan L. Clay. Their children were Louis, Ada, Jesse, John W., Albert, Maude, Grace, Dartley, Marie, and Mable.

(8) Louis Edward Houchin, son of John(7) was born July 7, 1876, in Streator, Ill. He married Bertha (?) of Tobias, Nebr., and he died in Chicago Dec. 29, 1925.

(7) David F. Houchin, son of Preston(6) was born Nov. 16, 1855, and is at present (1929) a resident of Monticello, Ind. In the early days he lived at Ulysses, Nebr. Mr. Houchin's hobby is horseshoe pitching at which he excels. He is manager of the local club which sponsors and holds tournaments regularly. His children were Arthur P., born Nov. 4, 1881; Florence, born Oct. 13, 1883; Bessie, born Febr. 13, 1889; and James.





(7) William Houchin, son of Preston(6) born in 1839, married Rebecca Burnham March 18, 1872. Children were George Francis, born April 17, 1884, and Bertha.

(6) Thomas Jefferson Houchin, son of Wm.(5) was born in 1808, and was married to Polly Jones (born 1812) Oct. 18, 1832, in Sangamon county, Ill. In 1850 they are shown as land owners in Livingston county. Children were Phoebe, born 1834; Lavisia, born 1835; Lewis (Louis J.) born 1839; Lucinda, born 1841; William Allen; Ewing; Nancy, born 1845; Sarah Ann; Larkin J., John Thomas; Maggie and Malinda. These last two named may be included in those first mentioned.

(7) Ewin F. Houchin, son of Thos.(6) was born Sept. 2, 1844; married Elona Permelia Bidgood (born 1842) Jan. 22, 1869, and died in 1919. Children were Francis M., Edson, Thomas J., Permelia, Margaret, and Irene, who married Mr. Thomas.

(8) Francis M. Houchin, son of Ewin(7) was born in 1870, at Newton, Ill. He married Ada B. Laymon Dec. 7, 1893, and died Febr. 15, 1909.

(8) Edson Houchin, son of Ewin(7) was born in 1876, and married Louise Miller Mar. 15, 1905. One daughter is Caroline.

(8) Margaret Houchin, dau. of Ewin(7) was born June 4, 1884. She married Charles Morse, and their children are Howard Francis and Marjorie.

(8) Thomas J. Houchin, son of Ewin(7) married Mary E. Phillips.

(7) Larkin J. Houchin, son of Thomas(6) was born in 1851. He was married twice, his second marriage to Angelina Pike, born 1859. Children of Larkin Houchin were Mary D., born April 7, 1879; Obijah, daughter, born Dec. 28, 1880; Marion, born 1883, married Ora Metige; Jolly F., born March 31, 1885.

(7) William Allen Houchin, son of Thos.(6) was born in 1843. He joined the Union army while a resident of Clinton, Ill. Children are Thomas Albert of Douglas, Minn., Kenton Ellsworth of Storm Lake, Iowa; Charles Sherman, Sidney, Ia., and William Sheridan, living in Oregon.

(7) Maggie Houchin, dau. of Thos.(6) married Robert Smack, and lives at Dunbar, Nebr.

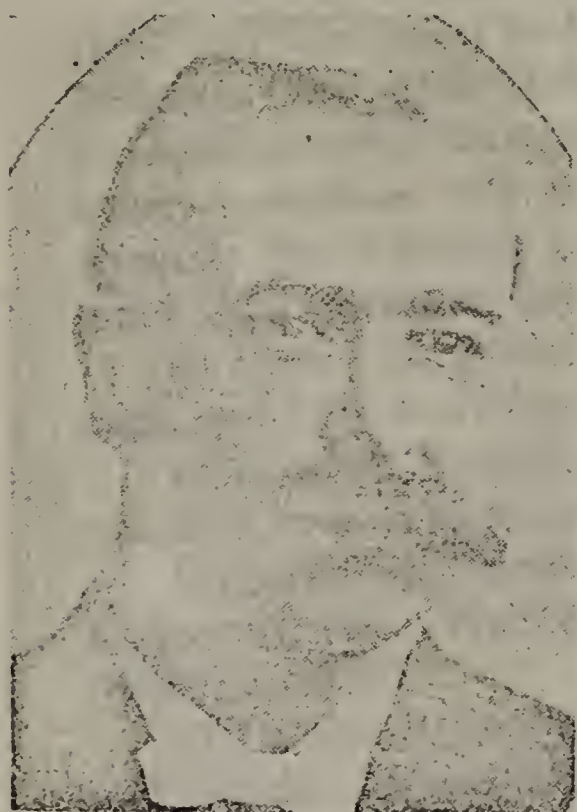
(7) Sarah Ann Houchin, dau. of Thos.(6) was born in 1849. She married Mr. Gardener, and lives in Clinton, Ill.

(7) Malinda Houchin, dau. of Thos.(6) married Mr. Jackson,





and her home is at Dunbar, Nebr.



James A. Houchin

(7) John Thomas Houchin, son of Thos.(6) was born March 12, 1853, in Atlanta, Illinois, and married Melia Jane Crumm. Children were Gertrude Evelyn, Louis Hiram, George Thomas, Charles William, Effie May.

(8) George Thomas Houchin, son of John(7) was born May 29, 1882. He married Cynthia Crutcher, and lives at Clinton, Ill. Children are John Lewis, born Oct. 30, 1908, Clinton, Ill., married Evelyn Singer July 16, 1932; Myrtle Bell, Clinton, Ill., Edna Lee, Kenney, Ill., Lyal James, Ruby Lucille, Ora Dell, Robert Leroy, Mary Ruth, Donald.

(8) Effie May Houchin, dau. of John Thos.(7) married Mr. Martin.

Their home is Waupella, Ill.

(8) Gertrude Evelyn Houchin, dau. of John T.(7) married Mr. Jimmerson, and lives at Bloomington, Ill.

(6) William Jackson Houchin, son of Wm.(5) was born Jan. 16, 1820, in Indiana; died Febr. 3, 1853. He was married to Elizabeth Gray Strange, dau. of John Sylvester and Catherine Robinson Strange, in 1846. Elizabeth was born Dec. 29, 1826, in Nelson county, Ky., and died Oct. 27, 1891. Children were La Visa; John B. Saulsbury; and Francis Marion, the latter dying in Oregon unmarried.

(7) John Bourbon Houchin, son of Wm. J.(6) was born Febr. 12, 1848, and died in 1937. He married Margaret Ann Jones, a near relative of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln. Their children were James A., Wm. F., of Whitehall, Ill., Bertrand Marion; Dora Mae; Rosetta or Roselyn; Cora Maude, who died in 1880; and twin girls born and died in 1887.

(8) James Albert Houchin, son of Wm.(7) was born in Logan county, Ill., Oct. 10, 1869, and now (1929) lives in Jefferson City, Mo. In 1911 he was democratic candidate for governor of Missouri. His picture above on this page is one used during the campaign. At the present time he is in the wholesale clothing





business in Jefferson City. He has one daughter, Myrene.

(9) Myrene Houchin, dau. of James(8) was born Oct. 20, 1896, and is married to John W. Hobbs. They are residents of Jefferson City. Mrs. Hobbs is actively engaged in the Girl Scout Movement and is chairman of the Eighth Covered Wagon Region which comprises the states of Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. She is greatly interested in genealogy and has furnished much information of her ancestor, William Houchin(5).

(8) Dora Mae Houchin, dau. of John(7) married Mr. Oberman, and lives in Jefferson City, Mo.

(8) Roselyn Houchin, dau. of John(7) married Mr. Copperage, and lives in Richmond, Va.

(8) Bertrand Marion Houchin, son of John(7) is a resident of Kirkwood, Mo. He has a son, Herbert Lawrence, who lives in Syracuse, N. Y.

(7) LaVisa Houchin, dau. of Wm. Jackson(6) was born 1847, and married George Marvel. She lived in Lincoln, Nebr.

(6) Delphia Houchin, dau. of Wm.(5) was born Febr. 26, 1815, and died Sept. 23, 1884. She married Enoch Lundy.

(6) Nancy Houchin, dau. of Wm.(5) was born Febr. 26, 1815. Records show that she married William Copes, and a correspondent states that her married name was Furns, perhaps a second marriage. She died in Logan county, Illinois.

(6) Enoch Houchin, son of Wm.(5) was born in 1831. He married Hulda Allman.

(5) Elizabeth Houchin, dau. of John (4) married Asa Blankenship August 31, 1815.

(5) John D. Houchin, son of John(4) was born in 1788, and is the Johnny Dick of Mr. Whittle's narrative on pages 41 and 42. A grandson states that Johnny Dick's name was John Reichard Houchin, but he was always called Jonnny Dick, and signed his name John D. September 26, 1811, he was married to Polly Blair in Warren county, Ky. Two children were born to them, Polly and Jesse. The wife died and John D. married Nancy (?), who was born in 1803. The children of this second marriage were Ellen, Decatur, Asel (Ace), Alexander, Robert, Moses, Woodford, Elizabeth, Elander, Nancy Paradine.

U. S. Senator M. M. Logan, grandson of John D. Houchin, states that John D. was the Houchin who discovered Mammoth Cave. It has long been known that the Cave was discovered by





a Houchin, but descriptive literature failed to give his Christian name. It took Senator Logan to clear this up. As has been previously mentioned, John D. was a great hunter, and it was when on one of his hunting expeditions that, in pursuit of a bear, he followed the animal into the Cave, and thus the discovery was made.

(6) Jesse Houchin, son of John D.(5) was born in Warren county, Ky., in 1813. On September 23, 1840, he was married to Mary Peterson Davis. Jesse's will was probated in Edmonson county court June 3, 1895. His children were William A., John D., Decatur E., Alexander M., Robert, Catherine Jane, Rebecca, Asel W., George Ann, Elizabeth J., Nancy and Jesse. In addition to his children, he mentions in his will Mary R. Vincent, granddaughter, the daughter of Jesse Houchin, Jr. Jesse and wife had raised Mary Russa Houchin, who married a Mr. Vincent.

(7) William Anderson Houchin, son of Jesse(6) was born in 1841. He was a Confederate soldier of the Civil War, and took part in the principal fighting of the south. He lost his life during the conflict, having died in a prison camp.

(7) John D. Houchin, son of Jesse(6) was born Oct. 14, 1842. He was always called John Dude, and when the War broke out he immediately offered his services to the Union. He was in the major fighting in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. On his return from the War he married Almeda Elizabeth Bacon, born in Brownsville, Ky., July 27, 1848, on the first of January, 1866. They lived their entire married life in Edmonson county. Their children were Laura B., Arthur J., Edward R., Jonathan E., Willard and Ellard, twins, Inez, Nora M., Mary T., Theresa, Herbert, Charles Ard, Ethel, and Tom.

(8) Laura Bell Houchin, dau. of John(7) was born in 1867. She was married June 24, 1884, to Simeon Morris at the home of her father in Edmonson county. They moved to Steubenville, Ohio, where she died. Their children are John R., Charles and Addie, all of Steubenville.

(8) Arthur Joseph (Bud) Houchin, son of John(7) married C. Jennie Lay Febr. 18, 1892, in Edmonson county. They moved to Steubenville, Ohio, where Mr. Houchin died. Two children were Grover C., a soldier in the World War; and Deloris.

(8) Edward Reems Houchin, son of John(7) was married to Jo M. Rich Sept. 19, 1893. They lived in Steubenville, Ohio,





and children are Rafe E., Lulu and Leo. Rafe was a World War soldier and also served on the Mexican Border during the trouble with Mexico.

(8)Jonathan E. Houchin, son of John(7) was born Nov. 26, 1873, in Brownsville, Ky., and was married to Nancy Milligan of Warren county, Ky. J. E. Houchin is examiner in the Railway Mail Service, Louisville, Ky. He is secretary of the R. M. A. & B. M. A., was delegate to the R. M. A. Boston Convention, and has been an active worker in the Association for over twenty years. His children are Lawrence E., and R. Matilda of Anna, Ky., Carl M., Louisville, who married Gertrude Jagers; Eva W., married Henry P. Bales, and lives in Indianapolis.

(8)Inez Elixia Houchin, dau. of John(7) was born Sept. 30, 1877, and married R. Blain Hazelip. They live in Enfield, Ill., and are owners of the Hazelip Department Store of Enfield. One son is Earle, a resident of Champaign, Ill.

(8)Lenore Marie (Nora) Houchin, dau. of John(7) was born Febr. 1, 1880. She married Eugene L. Meredith, and their home is in Bowling Green, Ky. Children are Lucille; Hershel; Wilmer; and Augustus.

(8)Mary Tom Houchin, dau. of John(7) was born July 6, 1882. She married Jesse M. Fant, and they live in Electra, Tex.

(8)Theressa Houchin, dau. of John(7) was born Nov. 8, 1884. She married Den W. Brooks, and lives in Brownsville, Ky. Children are Wilbur, Helen and Inez.

(8)Herbert Houchin, son of John(7) was born Jan. 6, 1886. When Japan threatened war with the U. S. in 1908, and Pres. Roosevelt sent the Navy around the world, Herbert Houchin was first class gunner's mate aboard the U. S. S. St. Louis. He now operates the Brownsville Ferry across the Green River. He is married to Beulah Hazelip.

(8)Charles Ard Houchin, son of John(7) was born Nov. 19, 1892. He was a soldier in World War, and was married Febr. 9, 1918, to Mary W. Bird. They live in Danville, Ky.

(8)Ethel Houchin, dau. of John(7) was born Oct. 4, 1894. She is a nurse at Waverly Hills Hospital near Louisville.

(8)Willard and Ellard Houchin, twins of John(7) died in early childhood.

(7)Decatur E. Houchin, son of Jesse(6) was born in 1846.

(7)Jesse Israel Houchin, son of Jesse(6), named Israel for his





grandfather, Israel Davis, was born in 1844. He was a Union soldier during the Civil War, and participated in battles in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. He was first married to Melvina Lane, and they had one daughter, Mary Russa, who married a Mr. Vincent. Jesse was married the second time Febr. 24, 1870, to Mary Ann Gipson. He is now (1930) a rural resident of Oakland, Ky. Other children of Jesse are John F., William R., Martha E., Almeda; Arthur; Flora B., Bert C., Rosa A., Nellie M., Annie V., E. Estel; Clara D.

(8) John F. Houchin, son of Jesse(7) had the following children: Francis; James; Cordia; Aubry; Emma; Henry.

(8) William R. Houchin, son of Jesse(7) was married Apr. 20, 1895, to Narcissus E. Alpha. To them were born Alice; Jesse; Dennie; Leonard; Alpha; Edna; Tommie; Lucille; Alberta and Gertrude. Dennie married Stella Mae Kinser Aug. 6, 1923; and Leonard married Nola Jagers Dec. 12, 1925.

(8) Martha E. Houchin, dau. of Jesse(7) married Tom Poteet. Their children were Ezra; Jesse; Sherman; Mary; Bert; Mae; Delphia. Ezra and Jesse were soldiers in the World War.

(8) Almeda Houchin, dau. of Jesse(7) married Lonnie Jagers, and their children are Bertha; Dora; Gertie; Ervin; Marvin and Deward.

(8) Arthur Houchin, son of Jesse(7) has the following children: Oda; Zelma (deceased) Hershel; Thelma; Opal.

(8) Flora B. Houchin, dau. of Jesse(7) married John Denham. Born to them were Elza and Theressa.

(8) Bert C. Houchin, son of Jesse(7) has these children: Albert; Linda; Edith; Paul (deceased).

(8) Rosa A. Houchin, dau. of Jesse(7) married Charles Meredith. They are parents of Lennie; Capitola; Elbert; Moman.

(8) Anna V. Houchin, dau. of Jesse(7) married Thurmond B. Parsley. Children are Hoyt; Coy; Roy.

(8) Nellie M. Houchin, dau. of Jesse(7) married Porter Johnson. To them were born Hallie; Edith; Jewell; Lillie; Geneva.

(8) E. Estel Houchin, son of Jesse(7) was married June 6, 1916, to Bertha Mae Jagers, and to them were born Mildred; Clea; Allie; Grace; Loy; Alta.

(8) Clara D. Houchin, dau. of Jesse(7) married Archie Denison. They are parents of Orion; Verdenia and June.

(7) Alexander M. Houchin, son of Jesse(6) was born in 1848.





He was married Dec. 9, 1870, to Margaret M. Bradley.

(7) Catherine Jane Houchin, dau. of Jesse(6) was born in 1854. She married J. E. Blair.

(7) Robert Wesley Houchin, son of Jesse(6) was born July 6, 1851, and died April 1, 1930. The following is taken from the Edmonson County News: "Uncle Robbie has gone away. His passing, like his life, was serene and calm. At ten o'clock Tuesday night his heart gave 'way, and while his wife and devoted son, Gene, stood at his either side, he gently closed his eyes in Eternal Sleep, and his great soul went home to God.

"A native of Edmonson county, he came of one of those fine old families which settled 'The Forks' country more than a hundred years ago. Where picturesque Nolin and placid Green Rivers converge he was born and reared; and he brought up his family and lived among his beloved hills until removing to Brownsville ten years ago. This grand old character was truly a pioneer. His earlier memories went back to the day of the deer and the wild turkey, of the fish trap with the gig, of the tan-bark and the flat-boat, of the corn shucking and the house raising, of the itinerant preacher and the old field-school; and into the various pursuits of his community he entered with all of the frolic and zest which came from the full joy of living, and in the evening of life he was still abreast of the times and playing his part with the same mirth and zeal characteristic of his earlier days.

"He could sing and draw the bow; he could tell a good story and play an innocent prank; he could share his neighbor's burden and lend the weary a helping hand; he was ever doing some of the thousand and one little kindnesses which made the pathway of life brighter for others because he had passed that way. So they called him "Uncle Robbie".

"Children found in him a charm, a spirit of play and devotion to them which was almost Christ-like, and "Uncle Robbie" became their favorite. Out of devotion to them he served many years as school trustee and many more as member of the county board of education.

"By occupation he was a farmer, but he was always interested and informed on politics and public affairs, and served his county some years as deputy assessor. In later years he ran a store in Brownsville, and people loved to trade with "Uncle Robbie". His accumulations were ample to meet the economic





needs of himself and his dependents; but he was never ambitious in laying up "treasures on earth". He preferred rather helping others and thereby forever laying up for himself "treasures in Heaven".

"For forty-five years he had been an active church member. In 1887 he helped found the Baptist Church at Temple Hill, and to the day of his death continued to be one of its pillars. The same cheerfulness and serenity which characterized his life sustained him as the end approached, and he passed away

"Like one who wrapped the drapery of his couch about him  
And lies down to pleasant dreams."

Robert W. Houchin married Susan Meredith Dec. 1, 1870, and to them were born James W., Cora; and Blanche M. His wife died and he married secondly Sarah Ann Webb March 28, 1878. To them were born Calvin Drew; Alfred Wilbur; Earl; Belva; Verna; Zella; Sherman and Eugene. Mrs. Houchin is yet (1930) a resident of Brownsville, and is conducting the business of her late husband.

(8) James Ward Houchin, son of Robt.(7) married Margaret Self Sept. 20, 1893. He was a soldier in the Spanish-American War, and is now a resident of Brownsville. He had two sons, Floyd and Everett, who were in the Service during the World War. Everett married Dove Lindsey Sept. 12, 1922. Two other sons were also in the Service, Theodore in the Coast Guard and Howard in the Navy, when Japan and the United States were threatening hostilities.

(8) Cora Houchin, dau. of Robt.(7) was married at Litchfield, Ky., Jan. 12, 1893, to William C. Martin. A daughter, Viola, was born to them. Cora married secondly Alfred Druckmiller, who died in 1924. During the War they shortened the name to Miller.

(9) Viola Martin, dau. of Cora(7) was born in Bowling Green, Ky., Febr. 25, 1894, and married George Snowden at Great Falls, Mont., Jan. 15, 1914. They now live in Detroit, and children are Viola Helen, born Nov. 5, 1916; Mildred Ruth, born June 25, 1921; Raphael Dean, born Febr. 13, 1915.

(8) Blanche M. Houchin, dau. of Robt.(7) married Mr. Skaggs, and lives in Brownsville.

(8) Judge Calvin Drew Houchin, son of Robt.(7) married Rose Denham, and now lives in Brownsville, Ky., after retiring from the office of County Judge which he held for several years.





His children are Raymond; Paul; Grace; Calvin and Ruth. Raymond was in the Service during the War, and again in 1922 during the disturbance with Japan.

(8) Alfred Wilbur Houchin, son of Robt.(7) lives in Brownsville.

(8) Earl Houchin, son of Robt.(7) married Emma Cook. They live at Kyrock, Ky., and are the parents of Earl; Berthal; Robert and Richard.

(8) Belva Houchin, dau. of Robt.(7) married Mr. Kersey, and lives at Ollie, Ky. They have a daughter, Virginia, who married Mr. Clark.

(8) Verna Houchin, dau. of Robt.(7) married Mr. Matthews. They live at Rockport, Ind., and have two sons, Styles Ellis and Harold.

(8) Zella Houchin, dau. of Robt.(7) married Mr. Johnson. They live in Chalybeate, Ky.

(8) Eugene Houchin, son of Robt.(7) married Sarah J. Fox Dec. 25, 1886. They live in Brownsville.

(8) Sherman Houchin, son of Robt.(7) was born Oct. 25, 1896, in the Forks of the Nolin and Green Rivers, in the community known as Temple Hill. He attended school at Temple Hill and Brownsville, and in 1915 passed the teachers' examinations, after which he taught two terms of school at Temple Hill. He then went to Ft. Wayne, Ind., where he was employed by the Ft. Wayne and Northern Indiana Traction Co. At the outbreak of the World War he enlisted at Lexington, Ky., June 30, 1917, after having some difficulty trying to enlist at his home town of Brownsville, and also Louisville. In order to get into army at all he had to join the National Guard, and when he put on his uniform he was a very proud young man, and a very ludicrous one, as can be seen from this description of himself, "I looked at myself from my broad-toed shoes to my campaign hat, and immediately great pangs of remorse began gnawing at my 'innards'. You could put a fifty pound shoat in my pants with me and still have room to spare. My shirt? Well, the wing spread of a 'Thipdar of Pellucidai' had nothing on me. And my leggin's. . . I could have jammed the butt of my Springfield rifle down between them and my legs. In fact I looked so much like a picture of the Pilgrim Fathers that I immediately looked at the end of my rifle to see if it was a blunderbuss."





August 4, 1917, Sherman Houchin was mustered into the U. S. army, and Sept. 14, 1917, moved to Camp Shelby, Miss., and assigned to the 38th (Cyclone) Division, Co. A, 138th Machine Gun Battalion. He was promoted to sergeant, and in September of 1918 was moved to Camp Mills, N. Y. October 2nd he sailed for France aboard the *Acquatania*, reaching Southampton after nine days. The ship was without special convoy except for one day, when it was attacked by a submarine. A sub-chaser then gallantly ran between the *Acquatania* and the submarine, receiving the torpedo itself. The smaller boat was crushed, and sank with all aboard. The transport was in such dangerous waters it didn't stop to render aid or pick up any possible survivors.

Sherman went into training in France six miles from Chaumont, where he was when the Armistice was signed. He returned home aboard the U. S. S. *George Washington*.

In May of 1920 he was married to America James. To them were born June and Sim. America's health failed, and they moved to Colorado, where she died in April of 1926. Sherman was remarried Sept. 10, 1928, to Eunice Mae Whobre, and they live in Brownsville where he is the postmaster (1932).

(7) Rebecca Houchin, dau. of Jesse(6) was born in 1854, and married first Marculus Lancaster Jan. 10, 1878; secondly George W. Sanders.

(7) Asel W. Houchin, son of Jesse(6) was born in 1857, and married Mary Ann Sanders Nov. 9, 1882. Four children were R. J. (Roe); Fred; G. Dennie; Hallie. Roe Houchin has a long military record; he was a soldier of the Spanish-American War; he served with U. S. forces during the Boxer Uprising; in the Philippine Insurrection his name was still on the rolls, as was also that of his brother, Fred. During the Mexican Border trouble R. J. and Fred were still in the Service, and with them the third brother, G. Dennie. When the World War came on, added to the names of his three brothers in service is that of Hallie. This is truly a great record for these four brothers.

(7) James Warren Houchin, grandson of John D.(5) was born in 1836. (His son James Warren, Jr., does not know the name of his grandfather because of the latter's death while he was yet an infant. He was raised by his uncle, Asa Houchin, and remembers his great-grandfather, John D.) James W. Houchin was a soldier in the Union army, and served in the company of which





his uncle, W. M. Houchin, was captain, and in the regiment which Houchin later led as major.

J. W. Houchin married Mary Elizabeth Kinsolving (1841-1907) a resident of Paduka, Ky. Returning from the service in 1864 James and family moved to near Vincennes, Ind., the next year going to Pecan Gap, Ark., and in 1868 back to Edmonson county. In 1870 they moved to Warren county, Ill., and in 1876 to Montgomery county, Ia. In 1885 they moved to Red Willow county, Nebr., and in 1888 back to Montgomery county, Ia. In 1890 they moved to Tallassee Falls, Ala., and here they lived until 1893 when they started back to Iowa, via Edmonson county, eventually arriving back home in Iowa where James W. died in 1914. Children were John M., born 1858; Mary A., born 1860; James W., born 1862; Charles A., born 1870; Fred; Frank; Edward; Jennie (Vianna); Hattie Lane; the latter two are residents of Long Beach, Cal. Fred lives in North Dakota; Frank in Gravity, Ia., and Edward in Red Oak, Ia.

(8) James Warren Houchin, son of James W.(7) was born in 1862. In 1888, while yet a resident of Red Willow county, Nebr., he married Mary Ellen Ellis of McCook, Nebr. Soon after their marriage they accompanied his parents to Iowa, and later to Alabama where their eldest son was born. James Houchin now lives in Kent, Ia. Children are James; Samuel E. of Clarinda, Ia., born Dec. 6, 1896; Russell Edward; Frank Estele; Jane Doggett; Dora Reichardt; Rena Schrodtt; Helen; Hester; Agnes.

(8) Jamest Ernest Houchin, son of James(7) was born Mar. 6, 1890, in Jefferson county, Ala. He now (1930) lives in Lincoln, Nebr., a contractor in the metal lathing business. He also owns a furniture store in Lincoln.

(7) George Ann Houchin, dau. of Jesse(6) was born in 1859. She married George W. Parsley Jan. 9, 1878. One child, a son, Noah, was a soldier during the Philippine Insurrection, and again during the trouble along the Mexican Border.

(7) Elizabeth J. Houchin, dau. of Jesse(6) married Martin H. Meredith.

(7) Nancy Houchin, dau. of Jesse(6) married Henry Bradley.

(6) Ellen Purna Houchin, dau. of John D.(5) married Riley Blair on May 31, 1849. A daughter, Jessie, lived in Iowa.

(6) John Decatur C. Houchin, son of John D.(5) was born in 1823. He was married to Mahulda Lindsey Sept. 21, 1842, and





children were William A., born 1844; John, born 1846; Nancy F., born 1848; Elizabeth, born 1850. He and family moved to Texas in an early day, where they remained to the time of their deaths.

(6) Alexander Houchin, son of John D.(5) was born in 1828. He married Palestine Brown Nov. 22, 1853. Their children were James F., born 1856; George Ann; Alexander W., born 1861. His wife died and Alex married Julia M. Skaggs Jan. 28, 1879. They soon moved to Nebraska locating near Red Cloud, where he died about 1906. His wife continued her residence there and in the Soldiers' Home, Grand Island, Nebr., until her death in April of 1933. Alex Houchin was a Union soldier. There were no children of his second marriage except an adopted son, Henry.

(7) George Ann Houchin, dau. of Alex(6) was born in 1858. She married E. F. Bledsoe Dec. 22, 1878, at her home in Edmonson county, Ky. She now (1930) lives near Brownsville.

(7) Tink Houchin (perhaps a nickname or a son above mentioned), son of Alex(6) married Sarah Skaggs, sister to Julia, his father's second wife. Children were Ollie; Maude; Mina; Roy.

(6) Alefarian Houchin, child of John D.(5) was born in 1828.

(6) Robert Houchin, son of John D.(5) was born in 1830.

(6) Moses Houchin, son of John D.(5) was born in 1834. He married Sarah F. (?), and one child was Garrett, born 1854. About 1864 Moses and family moved to Indiana, and later to Iowa. There is no further information concerning him.

(6) Major Woodford Mitchell Houchin, son of John D.(5) was born in 1836 and died in 1906. He married Mary R. Fox April 14, 1864, now (1930) a resident of Smiths Grove, Ky. The following article is one written by Mr. Charles E. Whittle, historian of Edmonson county:

"Major Houchin was probably the widest adventurer, the most colorful soldier of fortune, and the ranking commissioned army officer known to the annals of Edmonson county lore.

"Both his father and his grandfather bore the family name John, and both came from "Old Virginny" in the late 1700's. The younger was but a small lad, having been born about 1787, and accompanied his father down Green River to where they made a settlement on top of the hill hardly a mile southwest of Stice Island. Charles Houchin, a veteran of the American Revolution, settled near by, and quite a colony of pioneer settlers grew up. The elder John Houchin established a ferry just below





the Island where the Sanders Ferry is now located.

"The younger John Houchin, known as Johnny Dick, was the outstanding "river man" of Edmonson county, and made innumerable flatboat trips down to New Orleans. On April 27, 1873, he passed away after a blindness of some twenty years. He and his "good old spouse", Nancy, sleep side by side in the little cemetery at Brownsville beneath a headstone erected to their memory by their youngest son, W. M. Houchin, the major.

"The major must have been born about 1830, for the wanderlust had gripped him before the nineteenth century had passed the middle milestone of its course. Following the wake of, or perhaps with his father on a flatboat to New Orleans, he heard of the California Gold Rush, and embarking from that port, he became a '49er. By way of the high seas he rounded the Horn, and arrived in the Golden West about 1850. If he found any gold, tradition has not preserved the story of it; but he did meet that Tennessee scholar and adventurer, William Walker, "the blue-eyed man of destiny".

"Walker, surrounded by young men like Houchin and himself, went down and captured the peninsula of Lower California, and annexed the state of Sonora. These they held for some time. Why they gave them up the Major would never say.

"About 1852 Walker and fifty-six others, including Houchin, started to Nicaragua, espoused the cause of a revolutionist, and succeeded in making him president. Walker, in turn, became commander-in-chief of the army. Even in such a company Houchin rose above his fellows and became a captain. It was not long until Walker, himself, succeeded to the presidency, and in order to raise funds he levied tribute on a transportation company operated by Cornelius Vanderbilt in carrying goods across the isthmus. When the company refused to pay the tribute Walker took it over and placed it in charge of Houchin. Vanderbilt in turn sponsored a revolution which toppled Walker and Houchin from their places, and they were ousted from the country.

"About two years later they and their followers undertook to re-enter the country but were repulsed, and returned to the United States. Later they undertook still another expedition, but were captured in Guatemala. Walker was shot as traitor or spy, but Houchin escaped and returned to Edmonson county.

"Major Houchin was always very secretive about this ex-





pedition. He told Senator M. M. Logan, his grand-nephew, that all of his comrades who escaped took assumed names, and Sen. Logan is of the impression that the Major had used an assumed name throughout the expeditions.

"At the outbreak of war between the states Houchin at once became captain of one of the companies in the 11th Kentucky Infantry, and was later commissioned major. He was at Shiloh, Stone River, Missionary Ridge, Perryville and many other important battles. During the fall of 1864 he was in command of his regiment in Northern Georgia. He was probably the only soldier from Edmonson county who held a commission in the army as a major.

"After the close of the war he returned to his native county, and made his home here until his death in the first decade of the twentieth century. In 1866 he was elected county judge, and later re-elected to succeed himself. In politics he was an ardent republican, but his comrades in the war always rallied to his support regardless of political affiliations. Moreover he was a natural leader of men, and his fearlessness and utter lack of hypocrisy always attracted a large following. . . ."

(6) Elizabeth A. Houchin, dau. of John D.(5) was born in 1839.

(6) Nancy Paradine Houchin, dau. of John D.(5) was born in 1844.

(6) Asel Houchin, son of John D.(5) was born in 1825. He married Polly Webb July 4, 1844. In a division of property in 1883 children listed were Julia Frances Ann; Madora; George Ann; Mary P., Jesse W., David H., Palestine R.

(7) Julia Frances Ann Houchin, dau. of Asel(6) was born in 1846. She married Melvin Johnson, and one son is Calvin.

(8) Judge Calvin S. Johnson, son of Julia(7) is a resident of Brownsville, and is judge of the county court.

(7) George Ann Houchin, dau. of Asel(6) was born in 1849. She was married to Gillis F. Logan Dec. 24, 1867. Children are M. M., Rowan; Grover; David; John A. Rowan and Grover were soldiers during the World War.

(8) Senator M. M. Logan, son of George Ann(7) was born in Edmonson county, Ky. He started his political career as county attorney of Edmonson county. He soon moved to Bowling Green and was elected attorney general of Kentucky. He was later ap-





pointed judge of the court of appeals, and is now a member of the United States Senate. One son is Hubert, who was in the armed service during the late war.

(7) Mary P. Houchin, dau. of Asel(6) was born in 1856. She married James Reed Jan. 1, 1874.

(7) Jesse Woodford Houchin, son of Asel(6) was born in 1858, and married Elizabeth F. Dicus May 11, 1880. One son is Claude, a World War soldier, and in 1930 employed in the State Central Hospital, Lakeland, Ky.

(7) David Houchin, son of Asel(6) was born in 1860.

(7) Parazadia Houchin, dau. of Asel(6) married F. M. Par-due Nov. 27, 1879.

(7) Elzada Houchin, dau. of Asel(6) married T. S. Lane on Nov. 8, 1881.

(5) Elizabeth Houchin, dau. of John(4) married Asa Blanken-ship Aug. 31, 1815.

(4) Francis Houchin, son of John(3) with his brothers, was living in Augusta county, Va., from 1787 to 1790. Just when he emigrated to Kentucky is not definitely known, but probably about 1791 when he disappears from Virginia tax rolls. He took up land in Warren county, Ky., in 1799, in his own name, which land later became part of Edmonson county. It is not known who his first wife was, but he married the second time Lucinda (Cynthia) Thompson, born 1808, and the grand-daughter of Edward Thompson of Edmonson county. This latter marriage occurred May 3, 1829. Francis Houchin made his will April 24 1838, and it was presented in court Sept. 7, 1840.

"In the name of God Amen. I, Francis Houchin of the county of Edmonson and state of Kentucky, being in a feeble and ill state of health and calling to mind that I must shortly die, but being in my proper mind, do make, constitute and ordain this to be my last will and testament.

"First of all I commend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the dust, and to such worldly estate as it has pleased Providence to bless me with, I make the following disposition to-wit: I will that my just debts and funeral expenses be paid, after which it is my will that my wife Lucinda and my children Louisa; George W., Andrew J., Francis and Liberty Houchin have and enjoy the remainder of whatsoever kind both real and personal, for their support and the schooling of the children dur-





ing the life or widowhood of my said wife Lucinda and should she at any time after my decease die then and in that event my said five children are to heir or inherit the whole of such estate as may be left at that time and should my wife again marry after my death then and in that case my estate remaining at that time shall be so divided as to allot to her one-third part in value thereof which she shall be at liberty to dispose of as she may think proper and the remaining two-thirds shall descend to my said five children and their heirs forever. Having heretofore advanced to my children John F., William D., Lucy Houchin; Rachael Pace; Polly Strange and Patsy Denninson property and other things to an amount which in the aggregate is more than I now possess I leave them no part of my personal estate hereby willed and bequeathed to my wife and five young children. I hereby lastly appoint my friend Augustus M. Barrit executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills or will heretofore made by me.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and affixed my seal this 24th day of April in the year of our Lord 1838.

Francis Houchin

Wit. Geo. Cayton

Margaret Cayton."

(5) John F. Houchin, or Johnny Frank, son of Francis(4) was born in 1799 in what is now Edmonson county, Ky. He was married to Mary Frances Alexander, born in Virginia in 1797. Following her death sometime after 1860 he married Sally Caswell. One child born to this union died in infancy. Children of his former marriage were Elizabeth; Mary; Rachael; John M. Elizabeth married a Mr. Doyel; Mary married a Mr. Gunther; Rachael, born 1835, married Thomas S. Sanders May 4, 1854, and one son was John. For more of the life of Johnny Frank Houchin see the article by the Hon. Charles E. Whittle, page 42.

Since the writing of that article the parentage of the men whose history he has given has been cleared up. Capt. Frank Houchin was a half-brother of Wm. D. Houchin, also of Johnny Frank Houchin, all the children of Francis Houchin, the elder, as will be seen from his will above. It has been difficult to differentiate from father and son and cousin, for in the earlier days one family name was common in several branches of the family; and it was not uncommon to find living brothers bearing the





same given name. Another confusing matter has been the use of either of two given names, as in the case of Capt. Houchin. In the 1850 census his name was given to the enumerator as Thomas. At other times he was called Frank because of his other given name, Francis. It has been found that in most instances the name, Frank, has been a substitution for the name, Francis. Regarding other names, Sarah may be called Sally, Martha may be Patsy or Mattie; Lucinda is Cynthy; Mary may be Molly, or Molly may also be Martha; and Elizabeth may be Lizzie, Betty, Betsy, or abbreviated, Eliza. If an error has been made it is because of circumstances above described.

John F. Houchin made his will Febr. 20, 1880, and same was probated Oct. 7, 1889. Synopsis of will:

"I John F. Houchin, being of sound mind, etc., make this my last will, etc. First to be buried in Christianlike manner; second just debts be paid; third to wife Sarah F. Houchin all of home tract; use and control of all land; fourth to Rachael C. Sanders, her husband, Thomas S. and their son, John, certain portion of lands; fifth Wyatt G. Caswell ten acres; sixth daughters, Mary Gunter; Elizabeth B. Doyel; seventh all of estate after death of wife to son, John M. Houchin. Son, John, and grandson, George W. Smith, executors."

(6) John Marshall Houchin, son of John F.(5) was born in 1827, and married Sarah Elizabeth Cole Nov. 13, 1849. She was the daughter of Vivian Cole of Rocky Hill, Ky., and was born in 1833. Children were Mary C., John F., William V., Charles H., Andrew T., Sarah A., Henry P., Elizabeth; Fredrick; Sam Joe; Paradine; the latter two died in infancy.

(7) Mary Catherine Houchin, dau. of John M.(6) was born in 1852. She married Richard Estes and children were Edith; Luella; Idabell; Moss; Coleman.

(7) John Franklin Houchin, son of John M.(6) was born in 1854. He married Paulina J. Pace, daughter of Ransom and Mary Pace of Mammoth Cave, Ky., Mar. 26, 1874, at the home of Robert Pace in Edmonson county. About the year 1880 John Houchin and family and brother moved to Iowa. They lived there for forty years then moved to Winside, Nebr., where John died in 1932. Three children were Debbie, born Jan. 1874, died 1904; Mary, born Dec. 1876, married Frank Hoyt, and died in 1936; Margaret Frances.





(8) Margaret Frances Houchin, dau. of John F.(7) was born in Edmonson county, Ky., Febr. 22, 1879. She married Mr. Imel, and lives in Winside, Nebr. One son is Wayne Houchin Imel who married Leora Morris.

(7) William Vivian Houchin, son of John M.(6) was born in 1858. He married Mary Lively, and one daughter is Velma.

(7) Charles Hutton Houchin, son of John M.(6) was born in 1860. He married Cecelia Cox, and children were Claude; Bernard; Bertha; Ralph; Ella; Elsie.

(7) Andrew Thomas Houchin, son of John M.(6), born 1862, married Amanda Wilson, to whom was born one son, Lyman. His wife, Amanda, died and Andrew married Julia Cox.

(7) Sarah Alice Houchin, dau. of John(6) was born in 1864. She married Joe Furlong, and their children were John Henry; Schuyler; Fountain; Georgia.

(7) Henry Paton Houchin, son of John M.(6) born in 1866, married Ellen Morrison. A son, Roy, was born to them. Henry married secondly Mamie Dennison, and later Bessie Laird.

(7) Elizabeth Houchin, dau. of John(6) was born in 1869. She married James Briggs, and their children were Calvin; John; James; Elma.

(7) Fredrick Houchin, son of John M.(6) married Vergie West, and one child was Verga. By a later marriage Fredrick had two children, Lottie and Glen.

(5) William Davis Houchin, son of Francis(4) was born in 1803, and was married to Elizabeth Pace July 3, 1823, in Warren county, Ky. Children were Willis C., Elizabeth, born 1824; William D., Arlington; Clarendia V., born 1851; John W., Elzada; Benjamin F., born 1859; Parizada. William D. Houchin made his will July 30, 1864, and it was presented in court August 31, 1866: "I, William D. Houchin, being sound in mind and memory though not in health and having a desire and wish how my estate shall be divided and my business settled up I make this my last will and testament. I have given to my son Willis C. Houchin the tract of land on which his family now resides and the piece of my home tract beginning at the fork, etc., my son Arlington C. Houchin the Caney Valley Survey, etc. and the two colts he has raised and his oxen which he has paid his own money for. I further will and desire that my dear wife have the use and benefit of all the balance of my property that may be





left after paying my just debts to raise my children on until they shall become of age and as they so become they shall have to the value of \$225. in land laid off to each of them: Clarendy V. Houchin; John W. Houchin; Benjamin F. Houchin; Parizada Houchin; and if there should be a sufficiency to make them all equal to my son W. C. Houchin I wish it be done, etc. Appoint P. G. Smith administrator.

Attest: P. G. Smith

Hugh McCombs

W. D. Houchin."

(6) Willis C. Houchin, son of Wm. D.(5) was born in 1827. He married Nov. 26, 1849, Paradine Cole, born 1826. Willis C. Houchin was a surveyor with many tracts of land surveyed in his own name. Children were William, born 1851; Mary E., born 1853; Woodford L., Lucy; Jefferson D., born 1860; J. W.

(7) Woodford L. Houchin, son of Willis(6) was born in 1856. He married Mary J. Davis Jan. 24, 1878.

(7) Lucy J. Houchin, dau. of Willis(6) was born in 1858, and married H. W. Grant Oct. 19, 1875.

(7) J. W. Houchin, son of Willis(6) married Ratie Gray. They moved to near Durant, Okla., in 1901.

(6) William D. Houchin, son of Wm. D.(5) was born in 1846. On Jan. 9, 1872, he married Martha Ann Cross.

(6) Arlington C. Houchin, son of Wm.(5) was born in 1843. He was married Jan. 11, 1872, to Sarah R. Grant.

(6) John W. Houchin, son of Wm. D.(5) was born in 1856. On July 5, 1875, he married Mary Ann Barnes.

(6) Elzada Houchin, dau. of Wm.(5) was born in 1858. She married T. S. Lane Nov. 8, 1881.

(6) Parizada Houchin, dau. of Wm. D.(5) born 1861, married M. F. Pardue Nov. 27, 1879.

(5) Rachael Houchin, dau. of Francis(4) married Edward Pace (or Price) July 27, 1820.

(6) Martha G. (Patsey) Houchin, dau. of Francis(4) married Thomas Dennison May 2, 1831.

(5) George W. Houchin, son of Francis(4) was born in 1832. and was married to Eliza Roof (born 1837) Jan. 5, 1854. About 1870 they moved from Edmonson to Grayson county, Ky., and in 1874 to near Red Cloud, Nebr., where George died in 1908. He was a Union soldier during the Civil War. Children were James F., born 1855, and a resident of Red Cloud; Sarah Jane,





born 1857, married Mr. Middleton; Baily, born 1858; Mary, born 1859, married Mr. Roof; Lucinda, born 1861, married Mr. Daugherty; George Anna, born 1863, married Mr. Potter, and lives in Oklahoma City (1930); Amanda B., born 1865; Allie D., of Red Cloud, Nebr., Louisa F., born 1867, married Mr. Hansen, lives in Red Cloud; Charles F., born 1855; Nancy P., born 1857; Pearl, married Mr. Perry; Annie Bell, born 1862; George R., born 1864; Elizabeth, married Mr. Watt; Calverna.

(6) Calverna Houchin, dau. of Geo.(5) was born May 1, 1876, and married S. W. Wolfe. They live on a farm near Wheeler, Kan., and are parents of Homer Henry; Everett William; Mabel May; Ulysses George; Winnie Maria; Millie Millard.

(6) Sarah Jane Houchin, dau. of Geo.(5) married J. F. Middleton Oct. 24, 1874, at her home in Edmonson county.

(5) Andrew Jackson Houchin, son of Francis(4) was born in 1832 and died at the age of twenty-two.

(5) Liberty Houchin, son of Francis(4) was born in 1837.

(5) Capt. Francis Thomas (Frank) Houchin, son of Francis(4) was born in 1835. He received a good education in the Smiths Grove schools, and on the outbreak of the Civil War he offered his services to the Union. He was in the 11th Kentucky Infantry organized at Camp Calhoun, Ky., Dec. 9, 1861. He was commissioned a lieutenant, and in one of his first engagements he was wounded so severely that he was mustered out a casualty Dec. 15, 1862. He, however, recovered from his wound, re-enlisted and served with great distinction throughout the remainder of the war. March 3, 1864, he was promoted to grade of captain, and took command of Company H, 52nd Kentucky. He was with Col. Johnson, and his campaigns were mostly in southern Kentucky and Tennessee. He was at Shiloh with his distinguished relative, Major W. M. Houchin. After the war he taught school for about ten years in Kentucky, then moved to Nebraska where he taught another year or two. He was essentially a farmer, however, and continued in that vocation to the time of his death. Nov. 12, 1863, he was married to Mary Frances Ray and died at his home near Red Cloud, Nebr., July 5, 1916. Children were George B., Alice; Ulysses G., Margaret Ann; Bentlea Estella; Harriet Lulu.

(6) George Benjamin Houchin, son of Francis(5) was born in 1871. He lives on a farm near Red Cloud, Nebr.





(6) Alice Houchin, dau. of Francis(5) was born in 1865. She married Mr. Smith, and lives near Red Cloud, Nebr. (1930).

(6) Ulysses G. Houchin, son of Francis(5) was born in 1867. He lives at Guide Rock, Nebr.

(6) Margaret A. Houchin, dau. of Francis(5) was born 1869. She married Mr. Manley, and lives at Minnewaukan, N. D.

(6) Bentlea Estella Houchin, dau. of Francis(5) married Mr. Grant, and lives at Red Cloud, Nebr. (1930)

(6) Harriet Lulu Houchin, dau. of Francis(5) married Mr. Woods. They live at Bemidji, Minn.

(5) Cynthia A. Houchin, dau. of Francis(4) was born in 1839. She was married to Martin Roof, and two of their children were John, born 1855; Margaret A., born 1858. Cynthia's mother, Lucinda, was living with her in 1850.

(4) Charles Houchin, son of John(3) has been previously mentioned. Unfortunately no proven decendants have been found. He first appears in Kentucky records in 1801. December 21, 1801, he took up 400 acres of land in Warren county adjoining that of John Houchin on Green River. Later he was taxed for 135 acres on Swan Creek in Warren county. A deed dated Nov. 11, 1817, can be found in Deed Book 'N', page 437 Amherst county, Va., in which Charles and Molly Houchin of Hardin county, Ky., sell to Thomas Sale of Amherst county, their interest in land in Amherst county, "the same that John Sale died possessed of". Attested by John D. Houchin, Asel Davis, and Cornelius Sale. In a will filed for probate in Amherst county court Aug. 7, 1809, John Sale "lends wife, Frances Sale, one third of whole estate during her life, and at her death to be divided as follows, Item, I give to my daughter, Molly Sale who married Charles Houchin twenty dollars Virginia currency to be by her enjoyed as she pleases and also it is my desire that one tenth part of the two thirds of my estate be kept in the hands of my executors for the benefit of my daughter Molly Houchin or her heirs as they, my executors, may see fit to appropriate it, saving to said executors any expense that they may incur in consequence a visit should be necessary to the western country where she resides. . . ." No record of Charles Houchin is found in Hardin county, but a statement of war service in the Revolutionary War made by him is recorded in Edmonson Co., Ky., Order Book 1831-1855, page 120, as follows: "The declaration





of Charles Houchin of Edmonson county, Ky., in order to obtain the benefit of an act of congress approved 7th June, 1832, was presented in open court and the court are of the opinion that the signature of William Mitchell, Jesse C. Roundtree to said declarations are their genuine signatures, that they are justices of the Peace for the county of Edmonson, that the deponents Jesse Moon (a minister of the gospel), James Roundtree and Asel Davis are entitled to credit on oath, and that from common report they believe that Charles Houchin, the applicant, was a revolutionary soldier which is ordered to be certified." Court of June 6th 1836. With the foregoing Charles Houchin disappears from the records.

### DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM HOUCHIN

(4) William Houchin, son of John(3) is the progenitor of a branch of the family living in western Indiana and southeastern Illinois, also in Pocahontas county, West Va. He was married to Agnes (?) sometime prior to 1770, and is listed in the first tax books of Amherst county, Va., as head of a family, 1783. A marginal notation in deed book 'B' page 329, Amherst county, refers to William Houchin as heir to John Houchin. Records show that April 26, 1785, he purchased land in Augusta county from James and Mary Rucker, and is shown a resident there in 1787.

As has been previously stated, when Bath county, Va., was formed in 1791 part of the land taken from Augusta county included that owned by the Houchins. There were several real estate transfers made by Wm. Houchin, and among the last recorded was sale of a tract on East Branch of Green Briar River, (on same stream as that of his brother, John) and signed William and Agness Houchin. This William was one of very few of these early Houchins who could sign his name. He was a surveyor, and one of the first acts of the county after its formation was to appoint him to survey a road from the headwaters of the Greenbriar River to Ingraham's mill. A transfer of land in 1796 to Charles Erwin is the last record of William Houchin in Bath county. Children were Jesse; John; William; Agnes; Elizabeth; Charles; Moses.

(5) Jesse Houchin, son of Wm.(4) was born June 10, 1770, in Amherst county, Va. He was married to Mary Ann Goode, dau.





of Daniel Goode, Febr. 19, 1795. Two children born to them were John and Daniel. The wife, Mary Ann, died and Jesse married secondly Mary Allison, dau. of Thomas Allison of New York state. To this latter union was born Jesse. In 1803 Jesse and Mary sold to Wm. Campbell for thirty-five pounds and ten shillings their crop of growing corn and tobacco, three potts, one oven; one good feather bed, five blankets, two sheets, two spinning wheels, six chairs, six plates pewter, three basons, one dish pewter, twenty-eight head of hogs, and moved to Greenbriar Co., Va. In 1820 another move took them to Pike county, Ohio, and from there to Vermilion county, Indiana, settling first in Highland township, but soon moving to Warren county, where they lived twenty years.

(6) Jesse Houchin, son of Jesse(5) was born in Pike county, Ohio, Nov. 10, 1825. He remained with his parents until manhood, and in his youth, when not employed in the work of the farm, he attended the subscription schools. In February 1851 he moved to Helt township, Vermilion county, and there improved the farm on which he lived until Nov. 18, 1886, when he moved to Montezuma. He, however, kept his farm of 320 acres well stocked with horses, cattle, hogs and sheep.

He was married April 9, 1846, to Elizabeth Jackson, dau. of John and Lydia (Short) Jackson. They raised eight children: Martha S., who married Wm. Malone, and was the mother of nine children; John S., Mary M., married Silas Davis, and raised eleven children; Alice C., who married Frank P. Thorn; Daniel V., married Alice S. Earles; William E., Jessie, married James M. Morgan; Lawrence B.

Jesse Houchin was a prominent citizen of Vermilion and Warren counties for over sixty-five years, and was interested in promoting the material welfare of his community, and always ready to assist any enterprise worthy of his support.

(7) John S. Houchin, son of Jesse(6) was born in Vermilion county, Ill., Sept. 18, 1848, and was taken by his parents to Vermilion county, Ind., in 1850, where he lived the rest of his life except the years 1871-72 which he spent in Parke Co., Ind. He was married Sept. 21, 1868, to Endora A. Johnson, born Sept. 10, 1848, dau. of John D. Johnson, Greene county, N. Y. John Houchin was in the lumber business the greater part of his life, and devoted considerable attention to general farming and





stock raising. He was on the building committee of the Springfield Methodist Church which was completed in 1881.

(7) Lawrence Bruce Houchin, son of Jesse(6) was born Sept. 7, 1867, and in 1888 was married to Pearl May Smith. He was a successful farmer and stock raiser residing near Dana, Ind. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bert Skeeters, Montezuma, Ind., Aug. 18, 1946. Children were Johnny Ivan, born 1889, died 1891; Letha Grace; Bessie, born 1894, married Mr. Martin, died 1946, the mother of three children; Joshua Jump, born 1897, a resident of Dana, Ind., and father of Miriam Jane, who married Mr. James, and Norman Jump; Frank Newton, born 1904, having a daughter, Rosalyn, and living in Hillsdale, Indiana; Kenneth Smith, born Oct. 12, 1907, died Nov. 2, 1945.

(8) Letha Grace Houchin, dau. of Lawrence B.(7) was born Oct. 30, 1891, in Vermilion county, Ind. In February of 1918 she married Bert Skeeters, a young soldier who served twenty-one months in the army of World War I. Letha was a teacher in the West Union, Ind., schools, and now lives in Montezuma. Children are Elizabeth Jane of Indianapolis, born 1921, graduate of Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, and married to an ex-soldier, Roland B. Eaton; Harriett Mary, also of Indianapolis, born in 1924, and married a young veteran, Charles Wetter; and Laura Lou, born 1935, at home.

(6) Daniel Houchin, son of Jesse(5) was born in Virginia in 1813. He and wife, Sarah, lived in Warren county, Ind., at the time of their death. Children were Andrew, Elizabeth, Mary, Lawrence.

(6) John Houchin, son of Jesse(5) was born in Virginia in 1810. He was married to Martha Kinnison, an Ohioan. Coming to Warren county, Ind., with his parents, he lived there the rest of his life. Children were Elizabeth; Mary; Phoebe; Eliza; Mariah; Nancy; Daniel; Charles; Martha; Jesse; Cyrus; Bruce; Franklin Pierce.

(7) Mary Ann Houchin, dau. of John(6) was born in 1836, and married a Mr. Hall. Children were Charles; Florence, who married Mr. Mitchell, and lives in Covington, Ind., Isaah of Orlando, Fla., whose children are Virgil and Lucille.

(7) Franklin Pierce Houchin, son of John(6) was born near Covington, Ind., in 1851, and died Apr. 17, 1901 in Newton, Ill. In 1870 he went to Vermilion county, Ill., and Apr. 1, 1875,





married Martha Chambers, who in 1928 was living in Potomac, Ill. Children were John C., Lowell L., Nora M., Ervin W.

(8)John C. Houchin, son of Frank(7) was born Sept. 21, 1876. He owns and operates the Hotel Litzelman, Newton, Ill. (1930). His children are Helen; Hazel; Frank; John; Jewell; Virginia.

(8)Lowell L. Houchin, son of Frank(7) was born Oct. 7, 1878. He is an optician in Columbus, Ohio, and his children are Bernard and Florence.

(8)Nora M. Houchin, dau. of Frank(7) was born May 6, 1881. She was instantly killed in an automobile accident Febr. 8, 1925. She left one child, Kathryn L. Franke, Robinson, Ill.

(8)Ervin W. Houchin, son of Frank(7) was born Oct. 24, 1889, in Vermilion county, Ill. He was married to Hite Deering Jan. 8, 1921; he is in the real estate business in Chicago.

(5)John Houchin, son of Wm.(4) was born between 1770-75. He moved to Mercer county, Ky., about 1815. When Anderson county was formed from part of Mercer in 1827 the change made John Houchin a resident of the new county. His children were William; Stephen; John; Jackson; Elinder; Eliza Jane.

(6)William Houchin, son of John(5) was born in 1815, and married Mary Barnes, daughter of B. G. Barnes, Sept. 12, 1844. They lived in Anderson county, Ky. Children were Allen N., born 1845; Lucy, born 1849; Missouri, born 1854.

(6)Stephen Houchin, son of John(5) was born in Mercer Co., Ky., in 1818. He married Ann Bond Jan. 8, 1839, and children were James W., born 1844; Sarah F., born 1846; Anthony, born 1849; Reuben, born 1855; Thomas E. and David, born 1857. The mother, Ann Houchin, died and Stephen married Mary Searce Dec. 1, 1859. Children of this marriage were Merritt, born 1860; Minerva, born 1862.

(6)Jackson Houchin, son of John(5) was born in 1829. He and wife Catherine, were parents of Margaret Jane, born 1848; Susan M., born 1850. Jackson Houchin married a second wife, Amanda, (?) to whom were born John W. in 1853; Angelina in 1857; Emma R., 1861; Fannie, 1863.

(6)John Houchin, son of John(5) was born in 1829. He was married July 3, 1852, to Mary Elizabeth Reynolds, dau. of Wm. Reynolds. Children were Susan D., born 1854; Emma, born 1862; Thomas, 1863; William, 1865; Ellen, 1867; Anthony, 1870.





(5) Charles Houchin, son of Wm.(4) was a soldier in the War of 1812. Not much is known of him except his military record. He served from Highland county, Va. (History of Highland County by Oren F. Morton.) The War Department furnished this record, "Charles Houchin served as a private of Capt. William M. Holman's Company, attached to the 7th Regiment (Gray's) Militia. His service commenced 28 August 1814 and terminated 19 February 1815."

(5) Moses Houchin, son of Wm.(4) was also a soldier in the War of 1812. His record as furnished by the War Department follows: "Moses Houchin, surname also shown as Houtchen, served in the War of 1812 as a private in Capt. Peter Smith's Troop, Flying Camp (McDowell's) Virginia Militia. He was in service one month and eight days from 9 July 1813 to 16 August 1813."

(5) Elizabeth Houchin, dau. of Wm.(4) married Henry Slavin Oct. 16, 1792, by Rev. George Guthrie, minister of the Baptist Church. This is one of the very few original marriage bonds to be found in Bath county, and the written request was made by William Houchin for his daughter to marry Henry Slavin. Bond was signed by Jesse Houchin.

(5) William Houchin, son of Wm.(4) married Nancy Erwin May 10, 1792. The bond for this marriage is interesting in that the application was made by Nancy, herself. This bond was signed by John Erwin and John Rodgers. One son was William.

(6) William Houchin, son of Wm.(5) married Barbara Snyder March 8, 1826, in Pendleton county, now West Virginia. His land was in "Crab Bottom on middle ridge of both sides of the Waggon Road adjoining Hull's lands". Crabbottom is now in Highland county. One child was Susannah who married Abraham Peck Febr. 29, 1844.

(4) Moses Houchin, son of John(3) apparently left Amherst county, Va., for Augusta county about the same time as did his brothers previously mentioned. A notation in the tax records of Augusta county states that he left for Kentucky in 1790, but if he ever went he soon returned, for he maintained his residence in Bath county, Va., from the time of its formation until 1822, when he moved to Pendleton county. In 1792 the first order book of Bath county states that "William Houchin, surveyor. and his tithables, and those of John Slavin, Benj. Erwin, and





Moses Houchin are to work the roads from said Houchins to the forks of the road, etc." Children of Moses Houchin were John; Charles; Moses; Patsy, who married Jacob Gall. John and Moses took up land in Pocahontas county in 1837.

(5) John Houchin, son of Moses(4) was an early settler in Pocahontas county. He was granted forty-one acres of land on Mt. Lick Run in 1837, and 136 acres on Greenbriar River in 1844. One son was Ellis.

(6) Ellis Houchin, son of John(5) was a large land owner in Pocahontas county. It is said he sold his holding of 15,000 acres and left the county but later returned with the same money he had received for the land in the same pouch he had left with it in, and bought the same land back again. He lived during years that the fur bearing animal was plentiful, and was a buyer of furs. His death occurred before 1885. Children were John Ellis; George Harmon; Hallie Houchin White; Emma Houchin Daniels; Ellen Houchin Hughes; Mary Houchin Hughes; Jennie; Jefferson Lee.

(7) Jefferson Lee Houchin, son of Ellis(6) was born at Bartow, W. Va., and married Margaret Lee (Mollie) Burner. Their home was Durbin, West Va., where Jeff. died in August of 1901, and Mollie died in May of 1912. Children were Roy C., Bert J., of Walkerville, Mont., Neal, deceased; Clyde, of Bartow, West Va., John B., Carl, deceased; Georgia Lamping, Lorain, Ohio; Nola Speece, Ronceverte, West Va., Jessie Lee Sleek, Charleston, W. Va.

(8) Roy Cleveland Houchin, son of Jeff. Lee(7) was born in 1885 at Bartow, W. Va. He married Carrie Snyder and they are engaged in farming near Durbin. Children are Nellie; Roy; Madge; Myrtle; Clarence; Guy; Christine.

(8) John Burner Houchin, son of Jeff. Lee(7) was born April 2, 1898, at Thornwood, Pocahontas county, W. Va. He is a disabled war veteran now living in Bartow, after having spent fifteen years of his life in the service of his country. He was a soldier in World War I, served in the expeditionary forces to China 1931-32, and in World War II, where he received a disability from which he has never recovered. His brother, Bert, was a soldier in the first world war, and in which his cousin, Ward Houchin, was killed. Four of his nephews, Guy, Clarence, Ray and Robert were also soldiers in the second world war.





## THIRD GENERATION CONTINUED

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### THE HOUCHINS OF GOOCHLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA

(3) Rachael Houchins, dau. of Edward(2) married Henry Ackinson in Goochland county, Va., Jan. 20, 1756. Born to them were Bartlet, Dec. 19, 1756; Moseby, Sept. 29, 1758; Jesse, Mar. 12, 1762.

(3) Elizabeth Houchins, dau. of Edward(2) of Goochland county, married John Clements Jan. 28, 1755. Children were Annie, born Aug. 2, 1756; James, born Jan. 15, 1758; John, born June 14, 1759; Elizabeth, born Jan. 23, 1761; Rachael, June 15, 1764; Stephen, born Febr. 12, 1766.

✓ (3) Mary Houchins, dau. of Edward(2) married John Tuggle, or Ingle, Sept. 19, 1756. Children were Joshua, born May 10, 1758; James, Sept. 19, 1756; (Note that in this instance the date of marriage is given as the date of the first child born, as was done when the marriage was not performed by Rev. Douglas.) Sella, born May 17, 1764.

(3) Agnes Houchins, dau. of Edward(2) married Will Page Dec. 2, 1757, in Goochland county, Va. Their children were Jean, born Sept. 12, 1758; Robert, born Jan. 26, 1762; Susannah, born Febr. 17, 1764; Elizabeth, born May 11, 1764. (Some of these dates are for baptisms instead of births.)

(3) Susannah Houchins, dau. of Edward(2) married John Pace in Goochland county May 3, 1759. (date of first child born) Children were Elizabeth, born May 3, 1759; Edward, born May 27, 1761; Francis, born Nov. 23, 1764; Rachael, born Dec. 21, 1766; Charles, born Oct. 24, 1768; Stephen, born Oct. 2, 1770; James, born Nov. 25, 1772.

(3) Charles Houchins, son of Edward(2) was married by the Rev. William Douglas to Lucy Clements, dau. of Stephen and Elizabeth Clements, Sept. 20, 1753. He was one of the sons appointed to administer his father's estate. He made his own will October 13, 1781, which was filed for probate Nov. 17, 1782. This will is most unusual in that the author instead of saying





he is of perfect mind and memory states that he is "very crazy". The content of the will disproves the statement, but it could be understandable that, after passing through the stirring events of those war torn years, one could easily lose his mind. It must be remembered that Charles Houchins and family lived in that portion of Virginia through which Col. Tarleton and his British cavalry rode on their way to capture Virginia's seat of government at Charlottesville. General Cornwallis also cut a double swath through this same area on his march to "The Forks" of the James River, and return. The country side was ravished and laid waste by these two armies, and much of that which remained was later requisitioned by colonial forces.

Charles Houchins died in 1782 and Lucy soon after 1800. Their children were James; Jesse, born Febr. 27, 1758; Charles; Ann, born July 12, 1762; John; Elizabeth, born Jan. 26, 1768; William; Mary, born April 16, 1773; Joshua; Edward, born Nov. 14, 1781; and Joseph. Following is the will of Charles Houchins:

"In the name of God Amen, I Charles Houchins, of Goochland County, being very crazy, and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

"Item, I give my body to be buried decently by my executors hereafter named and as to my worldly goods it pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of in the following manner:

"Item, I give unto my beloved wife Lucy Houchins the place where I now live with all of my stock and household furniture during her natural life or widowhood and after her death I give my beloved son Joshua Houchins to him and his heirs forever. The other part of my estate I desire to be equally divided between my other children, and as my wife is with child my desire is that it may share alike with the rest if it lives.

"I do appoint my sons James and Charles Houchins executors of this my last will.

"Given under my hand this 13th day of October 1781.

"Signed in the presence of

William Clarkson

Charles Houchins

Charles Houchins

Martha Clarkson."

(4) James Houchins, son of Chas.(3) born about 1755, was married by Rev. Douglas to Margaret Johnson, April 18, 1780.





Margaret, daughter of Benjamin and Susannah (Pace) Johnson, was born May 13, 1760, and died about 1783, or soon after her marriage. One child, a son, Charles, was born to them. January 1, 1785, James married secondly Mary Skruggs, dau. of Richard Skruggs. He died in Goochland county in 1833, and his wife three years later. Children were Elizabeth; James; William; Edward; John; Lucy. James Houchins' will:

In the name of God, Amen, I, James Houchins of Goochland county, being in tolerable health of body but knowing that all men must die, for the purpose of making a just and fair distribution of my worldly estate among my family who shall survive me, do make, utter, declare and publish this my last will and testament, towit:

First, I will and direct that my just debts be paid.

Second, I will, bequeath and devise that my wife, Mary Houchins, shall have during her life the third part of the whole of my estate real and personal after the payment of my debts and the expense of administration upon my estate.

Third, I will, bequeath and devise all the balance and residue of my estate both real and personal, and what I have above given to my wife during her life, after her death, to my children Elizabeth, James, William, Edward, John Houchins and Lucy Hall, and to the heirs at law of my deceased son, Charles Houchins, and to their heirs forever, to be equally divided between them. The whole of the heirs at law of my deceased son, Charles Houchins to have between them but one share, and that to be equal to the share which shall be received by one of my other children above named. I have paid my son, Charles Houchins in his lifetime the legacy which was left to him by his grandfather, Benjamin Johnson, deceased, but failed to take a receipt from him for the same. Now if the heirs at law of my said son, Charles, or his representatives for them, or his creditors shall claim, demand or recover of my estate, the said Legacy, or any part thereof, it is my will, and I bequeath, devise and direct expressly that they shall receive and have nothing whatsoever of my estate.

Fourth, I do nominate and appoint my friends, Thos. Hernon and Martin Key executors of this my last will, and do hereby revoke all former wills made by me.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and





seal this 19th day of October 1827.

Signed, sealed and published                      James Houtchins    (SEAL)

in presence of

Edm'd George, John C. Pace

William Terry, Arch Bryce, Jr.

I signed Mr. Houtchins name to the above will in his presence, and in the presence of the witnesses at his request.

A. Bryce, Jr.

(5) Charles Houchins, son of James(4) was born about 1781 in Goochland county; was married to Sarah Bruce June 2, 1807, and died in 1825. His wife died in 1833. Children were James B., Joseph; Ellison; Eliza Jane; Cadmel; Margaret A., Emily M. Guardians appointed for the younger children were Jos. Bruce and Jeremiah Woodward.

(6) Cadmel Houchins, son of Chas.(5) was married Dec. 19, 1836, to Hardenia Houchins, dau. of Wilson M. Houchins, consent being given by Jos. Bruce. It was not until June 19, 1837, that the guardian of Cadmel was discharged, when he received the legacy left to him by his grandfather, James Houchins. Soon after this Cadmel and Hardenia moved to the adjoining county of Fluvanna, where March 8, 1847, Wilson M. Houchins, for the consideration of one dollar, conveyed to them 205 acres of land lying along Cunningham Creek. One child was Joseph.

(7) Joseph W. Houchins, son of Cadmel(6) was born in 1838. He married Willie Ann Robinson Mar. 12, 1872, and died 1878.

(6) Margaret A. Houchins, dau. of Chas.(5) married William Herndon June 24, 1836, approval being granted by her guardian, J. Woodward.

(6) Eliza Jane Houchins, dau. of Chas.(5) married Robert Hix Dec. 19, 1831.

(6) Ellison Houchins, son of Chas.(5) died in Fluvanna county in 1860, an appraiser of his estate being Jos. A. Houchins.

(6) Emily M. Houchins, dau. of Chas.(5) born 1821, was living unmarried at the home of John B. Clements in 1850.

(6) Joseph Houchins, son of Chas.(5) died in Fluvanna Co. in 1862. He left his entire estate in trust "for benefit of my beloved sister, Eliza Jane Hicks".

(6) James Bruce Houchins, eldest son of Chas.(5) was born Oct. 23, 1809, in Goochland county. Prior to 1832 he emigrated to Logan county, Ky., where he married Sarah Ann Keas Jan.





24, 1833, in the home of her father. She was born in Logan Co. Sept. 20, 1815. September 10, 1832, James B. Houchens granted a power of attorney to "my uncle, Edward Houchins, Jr., of the county of Goochland, state of Virginia" empowering him to dispose of "the following negroe slaves for life, towit: one negroe man named Elisha; one negroe woman named Betty; being the negroes which have been allotted to me belonging to the estate of my deceased father, Charles Houchins, also to dispose of any other property due me as one of the heirs of Charles Houchins". Soon after their marriage James and Sarah Houchens moved to Madison county, Illinois, where April 14, 1834, James issued another power of attorney wherein he appoints his brother, Joseph Houchins, "to demand and receive from the estate of my father, Charles Houchins, deceased, and my grandfather, James Houchins, deceased, late of Goochland county, Va., whatever amount may be due me, etc., and said Joseph Houchins is hereby authorized to apply to his own use whatever he may receive as aforesaid". Signed, James B. Houchins.

By 1836 James and Sarah Houchens had moved to Macoupin county, Ill., where James died Apr. 15, 1881. He is buried at Piasa, Illinois. After his death Sarah lived with her son, J. W. Houchens, in Chicago, where she died Febr. 4, 1894. She also is buried at Piasa. It is said that Sarah Ann Houchens' mother, Sarah Ann Taylor, was a cousin of Zachary Taylor, twelfth president of the United States.

Children of James B. Houchens were Sarah Ann; Mary Elizabeth; Bruce Taylor; George Cyrus; James Walter; Julia Frances; Eliza Jane; Charles Wesley; Joseph Edward; William Isaac; Ellison Cadwell; Cora Eva.

(7) Sarah Ann Houchens, dau. of James(6) was born Dec. 8, 1833, near Edwardsville, Madison county, Ill., and died at Shipman, Ill., Aug. 12, 1912. She was a nurse and ministered to the needs of many during her life time. November 8, 1859, she was married to Squire Ball Trotter, and to them were born four children: Herbert C., Etta; John B., Mabel.

(8) Herbert C. Trotter, son of Sarah(7) was a soldier in the Spanish American War. He lives(1930) in Oakland, Calif.

(8) Etta Trotter, dau. of Sarah(7) married Mr. Quick; she died in St. Louis in 1927. She had one son, William, who served over seas during World War I.





(8) John B. Trotter, son of Sarah(7) is a resident of Joliet, Ill.(1930)

(8) Mabel Trotter, dau. of Sarah(7) married Mr. Waldron, and is a resident of Columbus, Ohio. A son, Byron L., now living in East St. Louis, served in the Aviation Service during the first World War.

(7) Mary Elizabeth Blackwell Houchens, dau. of James(6) was born May 15, 1836, in Macoupin county, Ill.. She married Elijah Bowlin Nov. 24, 1870. Children were F. E. and Bertha.

(7) Bruce Taylor Houchens, son of James(6) was born Jan. 30, 1838, in Macoupin county, and married Anna Elizabeth Seafers Febr. 27, 1873. He died in Nodaway county, Mo. Anna, now (1930) living with her son, E. M. Houchens, in Maryville, Mo., was born in Hamilton county, Ill., Sept. 14, 1853. Living children are Everett L., and E. M. of Maryville, and George T. of Ravenwood, Mo. E. M. Houchens, who has been a minister of the gospel, is now a painter and decorator in Maryville. He has two children, Harold G., of St. Louis and Ruth, who married Mr. Aley, of Chicago.

(7) George Cyrus Houchens, son of James(6) was born Febr. 26, 1840, in Macoupin county, Ill., and died Aug. 10, 1906, in Springfield, Ill. Nov. 6, 1870, he married Serena Bogan, who died in 1914. Their only child, a daughter, died in infancy. By his will he left his estate to his wife, brothers and sisters, whom he names, also his neice, Bertha Gamon, of Stockham, Nebr., and nephew, F. E. Bolin, Prosser, Nebr.

(7) James Walter Houchens, son of James(6) was born April 15, 1842, in Macoupin county, and married Anna Caroline Lehman May 4, 1873. He was a veteran of the Civil War having served in confidential telegraphic service, transmitting many vital messages. His children were Walter O., Alonzo V., born Oct. 4, 1875; John B., William Ray; Ralph Stephen.

(8) Walter O. Houchens, son of James(7) was born May 9, 1874. He is connected with International Correspondence School in Eureka, Calif.

(8) John Bruce Houchens, son of James(7) was born May 25, 1880. He was married Sept. 1, 1914, to Elmira Goodell in Rockfalls, Ill., by the Rev. James Potter. They now live near Prophetstown, Ill., and have one daughter, Helen Caroline.

(9) Helen Caroline Houchens, dau. of John(8) was born Mar.





4, 1916, in Chicago, Ill. She is very much interested in family history, and while yet a student in the Prophetstown high school she prepared a very complete chart of the descendants of James Bruce Houchens, her great-grandfather.

(8) William Ray Houchens, son of James(7) was born Sept. 19, 1882. He was married Jan. 1, 1913, to Nellie Dean Straus at her home in Chicago by Rev. William Cook. They now live at Glen Ellyn, Ill. (1930)

(8) Ralph Stephen Houchens, son of James(7) was born Nov. 8, 1889, and married Hattie Caroline Stuben June 12, 1924. They are in the mercantile business in Pontiac, Ill. (1930)

(7) Julia Frances Houchens, dau. of James(6) was born Dec. 6, 1843, in Macoupin county, Ill. She died unmarried at Edgewater, Chicago, Ill., in 1918.

(7) Eliza Jane Houchens, dau. of James(6) was born May 1, 1846, at Bushy Mound, near Collinsville, Ill., and died July 6, 1927. She was married to Clark Crane Dec. 24, 1865, and born to them were Edward T., Elsie; Cora; Flora; James Oscar. The latter died at Virden, Ill., Febr. 3, 1906; Edward at Springfield, Ill., Jan. 3, 1924. Clark Crane, the father, died May 24, 1920, at Girard, Ill.

(7) Charles Wesley Houchens, son of James(6) was born Mar. 18, 1848, in Macoupin county, and died at Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 27, 1884.

(7) Joseph Edward and William Isaac Houchens, sons of James(6) died at ages of six and seven respectively.

(7) Ellison Cadwell Houchens, son of James(6) was born in Macoupin county March 13, 1855. In January of 1898 he was married to Ida Haggard. She lived but three years, and in April of 1904 he married Margaret Gable. He was an employee of the Illinois Traction Co., and met his death Febr. 20, 1917, when he came in contact with a high tension wire. His wife lives in Ferris.

(7) Cora Houchens, dau. of James(6) was born Sept. 3, 1857, in Macoupin county, and died Dec. 2, 1929, in Chickasaw county, Iowa. She married John A. Richards at Plaza, Ill., Jan. 1, 1872. They lived in Hancock county, Ill., until 1900 when they moved to Emmet county, Iowa. In 1915 they moved to Nashua, Iowa, the home of "The Little Brown Church" made famous by the song of that name. Their children were Claude E., John A., Myrtle I., Frank L., Hazel E., Gertrude C., Chester R., George.





(8) Claude E. Richards, son of Cora(7) was born in Hancock Co., Ill., June 4, 1879, and married Olive Newhard there Apr. 3, 1906. They moved to Minot, N. D., where they took up a 'claim' but later moved to South Dakota. Their residence in 1930 was near Forbes, N. D. A son, Max, was born Febr. 20, 1915.

(8) John A. Richards, son of Cora(7) was born Febr. 19, 1881, in Hancock county, Ill. He was married Sept. 20, 1905, at Gruver, Iowa, to Marie Christopher, and died Nov. 6, 1911, at Spokane, Wash. There were no children.

(8) Maude Ethel Richards, dau. of Cora(7) was born August 19, 1882, in Hancock county, and married Dr. C. E. Juhl Jan. 22, 1913, at Gruver, Ia. Their home is in Osage, Ia. One son, Charles Richard, died in infancy.

(8) Myrtle Iva Richards, dau. of Cora(7) was born Oct. 2, 1884, in Hancock county. She was married at Estherville, Ia., Febr. 17, 1915, to Walter V. Willey, a grain merchant. They now(1930) live at Sibley, Ia. Their only child, Neil Richard, died at the age of nine years.

(8) Frank Lee Richards, son of Cora(7) was born in Hancock county, Ill., Nov. 25, 1889. He was married at Estherville, Ia., Oct. 31, 1916, to Clara Reese, and in 1930 lived in Nashua, Ia. Children are Geneva Cecilia, born Aug. 13, 1919; Clinton Winfield, born Apr. 22, 1923; Merna Lenora, born Nov. 17, 1924.

(8) Hazel Eva Richards, dau. of Cora(7) was born Nov. 29, 1891, in Hancock county, Ill. She married Frank M. Watson at Charles City, Ia., Febr. 15, 1921, and now lives near Nashua.

(8) Gertrude Cora Richards, dau. of Cora(7) was born Febr. 25, 1894, in Hancock county, Ill. She married Irving S. Martens at Nashua May 27, 1931, and lives on a farm near Estherville, Ia.

(8) Chester Robert Richards, son of Cora(7) was born in Hancock county May 3, 1897, and died February 5, 1922, at Nashua, Ia. He had been a soldier in the late war.

(8) George Cadwell Richards, son of Cora(7) was born Febr. 16, 1901, in Emmet county, Ia. He was married at Waterloo, Ia., Nov. 8, 1920, to Jessie Peterson. They live at New Hampton, Ia., where he is deputy sheriff of Chickasaw county. Their children are Gordon Charles, born Dec. 23, 1921; Clyde Melvin, born Nov. 30, 1926; Norma Jean, born June 7, 1928.

(5) Elizabeth Houchins, dau. of James(4) lived and died in Goochland county, Va. Shortly before her death in 1836 she





made her will, the synopsis of which follows: "In the name of God Amen, I, Elizabeth Houchins, etc. First to my beloved brother, James Houchins the tract of land on which I now live; also Ginny a negroe woman; Harriet a girl; and Bug a boy. Secondly to my beloved brother William Houchins one bed and furniture; one trunk and cow and calf. Thirdly to my beloved brother Edward Houchins a negroe girl named Mary and all my interest in a woman named Judy; and a sorrel mare. Fourthly to my three brothers William Houchins; Charles Houchins' heirs and Lancelot Hall all my interest as I hold in my deceased Father's and Mother's Estate, both Real and Personal. Fifthly to Brother Lancelot Hall's three children the sum of three hundred dollars to be equally divided among them. Lastly to my brother, James Houchins all the residue of my estate. Appoint Rich'd James, Executor. Signed July 20, 1836. Elizabeth Houchins. Witnesses, Geo. G. Britt, Wm. M. Richardson, Chas. T. Colley."

(5) Lucy Houchins, dau. of James(4) married Lancelot Hall Oct. 29, 1821. One daughter was Susan, who married James Houchins in Goochland county Dec. 8, 1841.

(5) William Houchins, son of James(4) moved to Fluvanna county where he died Dec. 19, 1859. His wife was Mary Louise (?) and two children were Mary Ann and James E.

(6) Mary Ann Houchins, dau. of Wm.(5) was born in Goochland county in 1836, and married Mr. Cheatwood.

(6) James E. Houchins, son of Wm.(5) was born in Goochland county in 1835, and married Virginia Loyall Dec. 22, 1859. He was a constable in Goochland for many years. One son was Claude W., born 1872, who married Lulu Massie Nov. 21, 1898.

(5) John Houchins, son of James(4) lived and died in Goochland county. His will, made Apr. 28, 1828, was very brief. "After my just debts are paid I leave to my sister, Elizabeth Houchins, and my brothers, Edward Houchins and James Houchins, all of my estate as what I die possessed of as my reversionary right under the will of my grandfather, Richard Scruggs." Signed in presence of Andrew Kean, Wm. H. Britt, Joshua Houchins and Edward Houchins.

(5) Edward Houchins, son of James(4) married Edith Osborne in 1809.

(4) Charles Houchins, son of Chas.(3) was born in Goochland county Nov. 22, 1759, and married Ann Britt Mar. 28, 1782.





Her parents were Obediah Britt and Ann Thom(p)son. Soon after their marriage they moved up into Albemarle county, Va., where Charles lived to a very old age. Names of four of his children are known: Obediah; Patsey; James; Robert.

(5) Obediah Houchins, son of Chas.(4) was born about 1783. He married Polly McQuary, dau. of Abraham McQuary, Jan. 7, 1809. They lived their entire lives in Albemarle county. Children were Mary; Jane; James, born 1810; John Robert; Charles; Thompson B., Nathan.

(6) Thompson Britt Houchins, son of Obed.(5) married Mary Thurmond June 20, 1855, in Nelson county, Va., where he lived until his death in 1862. One son was Samuel Obed, for whom J. C. Houchins was appointed guardian.

(6) John Robert Houchins, son of Obed.(5) was born in 1812, and married Charlotte Kidd Nov. 25, 1839. Children were Mary, born 1840; Thomas, born 1841; Sally, 1842; William, born 1844.

(6) Nathan G. Houchins, son of Obed.(5) married Frances E. Houchins Febr. 17, 1842, in Albemarle county. Children were Jesse C., Thomas; two sons who died in infancy; Sallie, who died in 1930, age about eighty-one; Rebecca, who married a Clarke, and died 1923, age about eighty-two; Bettie, who also married a Mr. Clarke, and whose children were Carrie; Delia; Tillie; J. E., L. W., and W. L.

(7) Jesse Calhoun Houchins, son of Nathan(6) was born Nov. 21, 1842, in Albemarle county. He married Betty Johnson, who died July 19, 1906. Jesse died Apr. 21, 1923, at the age of eighty-one years and five months. He was a veteran of the Civil War. Children were Walter B. and Mary Susan.

(8) Walter Byron Houchens, son of Jesse(7) was born near Charlottesville Febr. 14, 1871. In 1930 he was a resident of Roanoke, Va., superintendent of the N. & W. R. R. His children are Elizabeth, born 1913, a student in Sullins College, Bristol; Mildred Catherine, born 1916; Walter Byron, born 1923.

(5) Robert Houchens, son of Chas.(4) was born in Albemarle county Va., in 1786, and died in Barren county, Ky., in 1869. In company with the Britt and Powell families he went into southern Kentucky soon after the turn of the nineteenth century. They came in by horse and wagon for which land was eagerly traded by homesick families wishing to return to their former homes in Virginia and other states. Rev. Britt of Lucas,





Ky., and Robert White of near Hays, Ky., are of these families. Robert Houchens married Mary Frances Alexander Oct. 16, 1817, in Warren county, Ky. Their first purchase of land was in Barren county, Ky., in 1824, where many of their descendants yet reside. Children were Francis Alexander; Micajah Britt; James R., Banks; Samuel A., John R. C., William N., Benjamin F., Charles; Mary Ann; Martha.

(6) Francis Alexander Houchens, son of Robt.(5) married first a Miss Wheeler, and their children were Mass and Micajah. Children of his second marriage were Banks; Luther; James; Webb; Marsh; Lela; Purna; Fannie; Minnie; Uke.

(7) Mass Alexander Houchens, son of Francis(6) was born Jan. 12, 1870, and married Sytha Bird Powell. Children were Frank; James Thomas; Mamie Taylor; Bryant B., Gilbert Lee; Maggie M.

(8) Frank Houchens, son of Mass(7) married first Maggie Huddleston and secondly Lyda May Owens. His children were Rebecca; Guy; Bettie Bird.

(8) James Thomas Houchens, son of Mass(7) married Emma Bacon. Children were Elwood; Rodger; Guelda Jean.

(8) Bryant B. Houchens, son of Mass(7) married Maude R. Harlow Nov. 24, 1932. He has a large chain of grocery stores in Kentucky which he supplies from his own warehouses.

(8) Mamie Taylor Houchens, dau. of Mass(7) married Henry Winn. They live north of Lucas, Ky., and have one daughter, Doris Jean.

(8) Gilbert Lee Houchens, son of Mass(7) was born July 12, 1905. He married Aline Chism Oct. 20, 1933, and children are Aubry Lee; James Harold.

(8) Maggie M. Houchens, dau. of Mass(7) married James Wiley Walker. Children are Laura Grace; Charlotte; Carol Ann; Bettie Louise.

(7) Micajah (Cage) Houchens, son of Francis(6) married Lu Lockhart; they are residents of Glasgow Jct., Ky. Children are Annie, married Mr. Patterson; Eunice; Josie, married a Mr. Alexander; Virgie married first Mr. Barrett and second Hershal Duvall and lives in Indianapolis; Curtis M., also of Indianapolis, married a Miss Patterson.

(7) Banks Houchens, son of Francis(6) married Lizzie Carver Aug. 8, 1893, and lives at Glasgow Jct. One son was Harvey





Hayden, who married Dollie Christie Dec. 25, 1915.

(7)Luther Houchens, son of Francis(6) married Vic Woods. Children are Hallie; Ace; Aline.

(7)James Houchens, son of Francis(6) married Drew Carver. Children are Harvey; Bood; Bill.

(7)Marsh (Marshall) Houchens, son of Francis(6) married Nora Woods. They were parents of Pete; Dwight, who married Beuna Vista Alexander Dec. 24, 1912; Thomas; Edward; Bin; Martha Jane; Lear and Earr, twins.

(6)Micajah B. Houchens, son of Robt.(5) was born in 1830, and married Sarah R. Wheeler Nov. 6, 1851. Children were Joe; Anna; Julia; Walter; Lucinda; Thomas; Rachael.

(7)Joseph P. Houchens, son of Micajah(6) married Lottie Reed. He died in Barren county Mar. 4, 1921. Children were Ballard D., Walter B., Thomas R., Nora C., married a Mr. Knapp; Jean B., married a Peterson; and Bennie, who died in Glasgow in 1912.

(8)Thomas Ray Houchens, son of Joseph(7) was born in Scottsville, Ky., Sept. 13, 1897, and married Kathryn Gruber July 4, 1922. He is in the real estate business in Chicago.

(6)Banks Houchens, son of Robt.(5) was the father of Elmore; Grant; Charles and Burke Houchens.

(6)Samuel A. Houchens, son of Robt.(5) was born in Lucas, Ky., in 1833. He married J. Wheeler Nov. 22, 1855, and born to them were James H. and Joshua M. The young wife died and Samuel remarried. Children of this marriage were Lucien, who married a Kinslow girl; Jesse, married a Harrison; Simuel, married a Miss Jordan; Jane married Mr. Berry; Virgil, married a Calvert; Bertie married Miss Steambergen; Rachael, married Walter Furlong; and Lillie, married Mr. Young.

(7)James Harden Houchens, son of Samuel(6) was born in Barren county in 1856. He was married to Eliza Woodcock, and children were James L., Gertrude M., William M., Norma; Maye; Ervin G., Bertha; Maggie Wallace; Irene; Buford D.

(8)James Letcher Houchens, son of James(7) married Bertie Rigdon. Children are Jessie; Georgie; Edna; Pearle.

(8)Gertrude M. Houchens, dau. of James(7) married H. B. Powell. Children are Hettie, who married Bob Ritter; Nettie Lee, married Ben Houchens; Lou Annie, married Windred Jones; Jim, (daughter) married Thomas Graven.





(8) Norma Houchens, dau. of James(7) married Carl Britt. Children were Clarine and James Carl.

(8) Other children of James(7) are Maye, who married Sherman Cooksey; Ervin G., married Eloise Bradshaw, and one child was Covella; Bertha, who married Brence Kinslow; Irene, married a Mr. Dockery; Maggie Wallace, married Roy Jordan; Buford D., married Gladys Steambergen, and children are Rurel and Sewall, twins.

(7) Joshua Marshall Houchens, son of Samuel(6) married Almira Woodcock.

(6) John R. C. Houchens, son of Robt.(5) was born in 1836. He married Sally Frances Wheeler Febr. 17, 1859.

(6) William Nelson Houchens, son of Robt.(5) was born in 1828, and married Elizabeth Britt Dec. 26, 1848. One child was Frances J., born 1850.

(6) Benjamin F. Houchens, son of Robt.(5) was born in 1840. Marriages recorded of Benjamin Houchens are Febr. 4, 1858, to Mildred H. Barnick; Febr. 27, 1866, to Patsey Ann Wheeler; Febr. 10, 1863, to Jane H. Woods.

(6) James R. Houchens, son of Robt.(5) married Elizabeth Pace Oct. 20, 1842.

(6) Charles Houchens, son of Robt.(5) married Matilda Goodman.

(6) Mary Ann Houchens, dau. of Robt.(5) married Fountain Matthews April 11, 1844.

(6) Martha Houchens, dau. of Robt.(5) married W. B. Ritter Aug. 19, 1847.

(7) Charles Lee Houchens, grandson of Robt.(5) was born June 9, 1866. He married Martha U. Smith(born Nov. 6, 1866) Nov. 19, 1895. He lives on a farm near Lucas, Ky. Children are George W., born Febr. 22, 1897; Arthur R., born Apr. 23, 1899, died Sept. 19, 1900; Euna Elizabeth, born May 11, 1901, married Sam Davis; Sarah E., born Sept. 9, 1903, married Clem Jones; William Burford, born Febr. 20, 1906, married Lulu Jane Jackson, and their daughter, Patsey Lee, was born May 16, 1941; John Murrey, born Febr. 29, 1908; Lola Lee, born July 6, 1910, married Estes Davis.

(5) Patsey Houchens, dau. of Chas.(4) married John Shope in Albemarle county, Va., June 29, 1818.

(5) James Houchens, son of Chas.(4) married Elizabeth





Harden Dec. 20, 1820, in Albemarle county. Court records reveal that James Houchens at death left all his property to his nephew, James R. Houchens.

(4) John Houchins, son of Chas.(3) was born June 20, 1765, in Goochland county, Va. He married Delphia Muse Nov. 15, 1792, and died prior to 1856, in which year settlement of his estate was made in Goochland county. See "Hopkins of Virginia and Related Families" by Walter Lee Hopkins for information of the Muse family.

(4) Joshua Houchins, son of Chas.(3) was born Jan. 1, 1776, and died in Goochland county in January of 1853. He was married Febr. 9, 1799, to Deborah Minns.

(4) William Houchens, son of Chas.(3) was born Sept. 17, 1770, in Goochland county. He went up into Albemarle county where Dec. 16, 1793, he married Frances Britt, dau. of Obediah Britt. William Houchens lived not far from Charlottesville, and in sight of Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home. Children of William and Frances Houchens were Joshua; Charles; John; James; Thomas; Polly; Martha; William; Reuben. John and Polly never married, and lived with their brother, Charles, until the time of their deaths.

(5) Joshua Houchins, son of Wm.(4) was born in Albemarle county in 1797. His wife, Nancy, was born in 1805. Sometime between 1840 and 1850 he moved to Montgomery county, Va. There is a small town and post office in Montgomery county called "Houchins" said to be so named for Joshua Houchins. Children were Mildred, born 1827, married John O. Mitchell Aug. 22, 1853; William, born 1829, married Eliza Lee, daughter of Robert Lee, Sept. 26, 1853; Frances, born 1833; John, born 1834; Ransom; Sarah, born 1841; Emaline, born 1844; Floyd S., born 1844; Charles M., born 1847; Martha, born 1850, James.

(6) John Houchins, son of Joshua(5) born 1834, died about 1924 in Florida. One son, Melvin, lives in Melbourne, Fla.

(6) Ransom Nicholas Houchins, son of Joshua(5) was born in 1840, and died in 1903. He married Julia Reed, who died Dec. 16, 1916. Children were Lee Rufus; William Grant; Mary Ann; Virginia Ellen, who married W. T. Cook; Alice; Emma, who married W. L. Wright; Ida May, who married C. C. Grove; Lillian Sue; George Clyde.

(7) George Clyde Houchins, son of Ransom(6) was born in





Floyd county, Va., and married Octavia Muse in 1901. He is a merchant in Roanoke, Va. Children are Ransom; Elizabeth, who married Douglas M. Borum; Margaret Lillian; Mary Jane.

(8) Ransom Bridges Houchins, son of Geo.(7) is an attorney in Pearisburg, Va. He is married to Juanita Tinsley and they are parents of two children, Ransom, Jr., and Barbara Tinsley.

(5) Martha Houchens, dau. of Wm.(4) married John Clements. She died about 1882, leaving three daughters, Fanny; Molly; and Sally. Fannie and Molly remained single, but Sally married John Armstrong.

(5) William Houchens, son of Wm.(4) was the youngest of William and Frances Houchens' children. He married Mary E. Broadhead Sept. 1, 1843, who died within a few years. He then married Julia Broadhead, Mary's sister. William died about 1870, and is buried near Cismont, on Broadhead mountain.

(5) Charles Lindsey Houchens, son of Wm.(4) was born in Albemarle county about 1812, and died there Jan. 31, 1881. He was married to Martha L. Kent (born in 1841) June 22, 1865. Their children were Monroe T., Mary, born in 1869, married Mr. Seiler; Warner W., C. N., born 1873; Lucy, born 1875, married Mr. Rowlett; R. J., born 1877; H. Clay.

(6) Monroe T. Houchens, son of Chas.(5) was born June 18, 1866. He served through the Spanish American War, and died at the National Soldiers' Home, Hampton, Va., in 1929.

(6) Warner W. Houchens, son of Chas.(5) was born in 1871. He is a resident of Richmond, Va., where he is (1928) principal of the Bainbridge High School.

(6) H. Clay Houchens, son of Chas.(5) was born July 6, 1881. He is greatly interested in the history of the Houchens family, and a subscriber to the "Douglas Register", a publication previously mentioned. H. Clay Houchens is director (1928) of the Department of Manual Training and Industrial Education in the Richmond public schools.

(5) Reuben Houchens, son of Wm.(4) was born in Albemarle county, Va., in 1795. He married Elizabeth Black Dec. 24, 1818, and died May 18, 1869. He mentioned in his will his son, William, to whom he gave his land and residence; his daughter, Mary Ann; and son, George L., whom he named executor. Other children were Lewis, born 1838; Thomas, born 1840; James, born 1842; Sally, born 1830; Elizabeth, born 1832; Eliza, born 1834;





and Frances.

(6) George Lilbron Houchens, son of Reuben(5) was born in Albemarle county Febr. 25, 1825, and died there in 1898. By his will he gives his grandson, George Franklin Houchens, certain lands; his son, Charles Houchens, the home tract; his son Frank's wife, Betty, and children the lands and house which they occupy.

(7) Frank Cornelius Houchens, son of Geo.(6) and wife Betty, were parents of Emma, who married William Mayo, and lives in Charlottesville (1930); Drury, married Melva Parks, and lives in Pennsylvania; William, lives at Ivy Depot, Va., and Carrie, who married Chas. Lamb, lives at Beachbottom, W. Va.

(7) Charles Wesley Houchens, son of Geo.(6) was born in Albemarle county Aug. 9, 1850. He lives (1930) on a farm near Mechum River, Va., and his children are Janie, who married C. E. Crawford; and lives in Charlottesville; George Franklin, who married Helen Stutzman, and lives in Williamsport, Pa., Morell, who married E. A. Wilford, and lives at Ivy Depot, Va.





## THIRD GENERATION CONTINUED

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### DESCENDANTS OF FRANCIS HOUCHINS OF GOOCHLAND AND LOUISA COUNTIES, VA.

(3) Francis Houchins, son of Edward(2) was born about 1735, and grew to manhood in Goochland county, Va., where he married Joyce Clements Jan. 10, 1758. Joyce was the youngest daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Clements, and the sister of Lucy and John, who married Charles and Elizabeth Houchins. Stephen Clements mentions in his will (filed for probate July 15, 1746) his daughter, Joyce, to whom he gives her negro girl, Polly, and other property, on the attainment of age twenty-one, or on her marriage.

The Clements family is a very old one in Virginia, the first of the name arriving soon after the settlement of Jamestown, and quite some time before the arrival of the MAYFLOWER as will be pointed out in the following article taken from the magazine, "Genealogy":

"The name Clemens has many variants. Whether the Latin Clement and Saxon Clemens, or Clemons, or even Clements, had anything in common, the musty records of the ancients tell us not. In scripture we are told that Clement was a fellow laborer of Paul. There were numerous popes named Clement, and one Clemons the Pious. In English surnames it is entered as a baptismal name in company with Clementson and Clemence. It was a rare font name in the eleventh century, and was exceedingly popular in the thirteenth. In the year 1086 the name Clemen was in the Domesday Book. In the Hundred Rolls of 1237 we find James Clemens, Joyce Clemmons, Ralph Clements and Richard Clemence. The popular contraction, Clem, is used in the ballad of Robin Hood, "And Clem of the Clough hath plenty enough, If he but a penny can spare. . . ."

"In 1611 the first Clements stepped on American soil in Jamestown, in the colony of Virginia. The cradle of the great republic was Jamestown where 4,000 souls were congregated before the first landing of the Mayflower. John Smith, leader of





the Virginia colony, was the discoverer of New England and Plymouth, and it is he who advised the Pilgrims to make their settlement there. And the first gentlewoman to land on American soil was the widow, Elizabeth Clements, with her three sons and one daughter, in the year 1611. Elizabeth Clements lived and died unheard of and unsung, while the Pricillas and Thankfuls and the Abigail have overflowed New England literature, and figure in the school books as a part of American history.

"Visualize, if you will, the begrimed and smokey London of the year 1590, when Jeffry Clemens, small factor in woolens and linens, had his little shop far down in one of the narrow lanes of the city, slight young man, ambitious in trade. Whether over the garden wall, or in the highway, young Jeffry first glimpsed the fair haired Elizabeth Fuller, we can but conjecture. But Elizabeth was a young dame of parts, the daughter of a merchant, Cuthbert Fuller, whose brother, Nicholas, of Berks, had been knighted by the king. A sister, Elizabeth, had married a title, and was Lady Layghton.

"The young Elizabeth was an only child, and when her father, Cuthbert, died she was at once the ward and favorite niece of her uncle, Sir Nicholas Fuller. Jeffry Clements and Elizabeth were married in a chapel under the shadow of Bow Bells with small ceremony. Where they lived, how they lived, and what their station in the ever changing social life of London was, we have no way of knowing. But we do know by parish records that on Nov. 7, 1604, their first child, Thomas, was born and died in less than a year. Nicholas was a second son, and then came Jeremiah and Ezekiel. Then Jeffry Clements died, leaving the widow no earthly goods. Her only patrimony was a few shares in the Virginia company handed over by her father a few days before he died. The shares in that problematic Eldorado in the New World was a rainbow to the widow, and nothing else offering so much, she sought passage to America on the GEORGE, then about to make a second voyage to Virginia with a regiment of soldiers under command of a dashing and handsome young officer, Capt. Ralph Hamor, who was later to become a giant figure in the colonial history of Virginia. She was the only gentlewoman, the only passenger, in that small company setting sail in the slight tonned barkentine, with only the soldiers for company, save perhaps a few female servants for the





colonists in Jamestown.

"Thus with the arrival at Jamestown in 1611 Elizabeth Clements was the first of the name to set foot on American soil. She later became the wife of Ralph Hamor."

No attempt has been made to make a connection between Stephen Clements and the family of Elizabeth above mentioned. However, it is probable that he is of this family because of the name, Stephen, which is borne by other known descendants of Elizabeth and her son, Jeremiah.

Francis and Joyce Houchins lived in Goochland county until 1796, when they sold their holdings there and purchased several hundred acres of land in Louisa, an adjoining county. This land bordered on each side the main road between Louisa, the county seat, and Richmond. At one corner stood old Trinity Church which is said to have been built about 1750. The building was yet standing during Civil War days for it was then used by cavalry troops in which to stable their horses. Site of the old cemetery, which adjoined the church, is now lost, as are also the records of those buried there. Perhaps Francis and Joyce Houchins lie among the others in those long forgotten graves. Prophets Corner, five or six miles east of Louisa on the Richmond road, is near where the old Church stood, and either on or near the land of Francis Houchins. Here he died in 1805. Joyce continued to live there with her son, John, and family until her death in 1821. Children of Joyce and Francis Houchins were Edward; Elizabeth; Francis; Mary; Stephen; John; Susan; Lucy; Nancy; William; Ann; Jesse; Joyce.

(4) Edward Houchins, son of Francis(3) was born in Goochland county Febr. 29, 1760. He was a Revolutionary War soldier, enlisting in the spring of 1778 in the company of Lt. James Allen. This company was soon ordered out, marched to Albemarle Barracks, and there reported to Col. Taylor, who placed it on guard duty over the "Convention Prisoners". These were British and Hessian soldiers captured in the Battle of Saratoga the previous year in New York, and brought to Virginia for safe keeping. Lt. Allen's company served here two months and was then dismissed. In January of 1779 Edward again enlisted and served for another two month's period, but his longest time in service began in April, 1780, when he joined Capt. Edmund Curd's company of militia and marched off to meet General





Cornwallis' army in the Battle of Camden, S. C. Here Edward was wounded, receiving a British ball in his left arm, and he cried out, "The Lord have mercy on me, I am wounded, my arm is broke". Edward is said to have been taken prisoner, and this is borne out by statements of Capt. Edmund Curd and Major Nat'l S. Morris of the 4th Reg't Virginia Militia, that he did not return home until Nov. 15th. The wound in Edward's arm never healed satisfactorily and pieces of bone continued to "work out" for many years. Finally, after some fifty years, a piece of shot emerged and this was submitted as part evidence of his war service in application for pension. In 1832 he was granted thirty-three dollars per month for life by the government. Years prior to this time, however, the state of Virginia recognized the services of Edward Houchins in a special enactment passed by the Assembly Jan. 15, 1806, as follows:

"Whereas it appears to this General Assembly that Edward Houchins served as a private in the militia in the Revolutionary War and that in action in which General Gates was defeated, he received a wound in the arm which has rendered him incapable of procuring a subsistence by manual labor from that period to the present day; that so early as 1787 he obtained the necessary documents and placed them in the hands of one of the representatives from Goochland county with the view to securing that assistance from his country which has been uniformly granted to others under similar circumstances, and that in consequence of the said documents having been mislaid and not recovered until very lately, he was deprived of an opportunity of exhibiting his just claim for a pension:

"Be it therefore enacted that the auditor of public accounts shall be authorized and he is hereby required on the application of the said Edward Houchins in person, or by attorney, to issue a warrant on the treas. for the sum of \$300.00 for the present relief of the said Edward Houchins, payable out of any monies therein.

"And be it further enacted that the said Edward Houchins shall be placed on the list of pensioners by the auditor of public accounts with an allowance of \$40.00 per annum during his life to be paid in the same manner that the other pensioners are now paid.

"This act shall commence and be in force from and after





the passage thereof."

October 27, 1785, Edward Houchins was married to Nancy Clements, daughter of James and Mary Clements. They lived in Goochland county until about 1803 when they moved into Louisa county. Here they lived until 1822 when he gave his son, Abner, power of attorney to act for him in the future. With his family and sister, Nancy, Edward moved to Mercer county, Kentucky, about two miles south of Harrodsburg, where he died Apr. 14, 1846. Nancy, who was born March 13, 1766, was granted his pension June 23, 1847, but she lived for only a short time afterwards. Both are buried in the Terhune cemetery which is on the farm they had owned. The children of Edward and Nancy Houchins were James C., born Sept. 8, 1786, died unmarried in Mercer county about 1855; Jane, born June 17, 1789; Abner; Mary O., born June 7, 1793; Edward, born Dec. 28, 1795; Elizabeth, born Febr. 11, 1798; Agnes O., Thomas J. or I., Jesse F., born May 28, 1806.

(5) Abner Houchins, son of Edw.(4) was born Aug. 4, 1790, and died in Louisa county about 1850. He was married Jan. 9, 1821, to Ann M. Dudley. There were no children. The provisions of his will are so unusual that a portion of it is herewith given: "Second I lend to my wife, Ann Houchins, all of my Estate, both real and personal, to wit: the tract of land on which I live, all of my negroes, Peter, Werter, Spencer, Norbon, Frances and her child, Julian, and their increase during her life. I also lend to her all of my household furniture and kitchen furniture, stock, plantation, tools, crop, etc. At the death of my wife, Ann Houchins, it is my wish and desire that my executor hereafter mentioned should sell all of my estate, real and personal, and divide it among my negroes. I also wish my negroes to select their master. Should any of my negroes be disobedient to my wife it is my wish they should be sold and forfeit all claims they may have on my estate. Should my wife be compelled to sell any one of my negroes from misbehavior it is my wish the money should be appropriated to the purchase of another negro." In a codicil to his will dated Nov. 22, 1849, Abner gave to his wife, in fee simple, a tract of land known as Dudley's Tract, but "now called Morrison's Gold Mine". Ann Houchins died in 1862, and by will left all her property to Mary E. Simms and three daughters.





(5) Agnes O. Houchins, dau. of Edw.(4) was born June 21, 1800. She married Mr. Terhune, and one daughter was George Ann, who married Mr. Van Arsdel. Of the children of this marriage three brothers are living (1930) in Harrodsburg, Ky. One is a proprietor of a store, a second is a physician, and the third, R. S., has been mayor for the past fourteen years. It was through his efforts that many civic improvements were made, among them the re-building of old Fort Harrod, and the reclamation of the cemetery adjoining it where some of Kentucky's first settlers are buried. Dr. Van Arsdel is much interested in the history of the Houchins, and has been instrumental in securing a Revolutionary War marker for the grave of Edward Houchins. The Van Arsdel brothers have placed on display in Fort Harrod an old vase and other articles brought to Kentucky from Virginia by the Houchins and Clements. Of the eight negroes which Edward brought with him, one, Polly, lived to be very old, and was well remembered by George Ann Terhune, mother of the Van Arsdel brothers. It was she who recalled many things concerning the Houchins.

(5) Thomas Houchins, son of Edward(4) was born July 28, 1803, in Goochland county, Va. He married Virginia Bradshaw and died in 1841, leaving the following children: Benjamin; Oliver; (Oliver was the maiden name of his grandmother, Nancy Houchins' mother) Betsy Ann; Sally; Ellen; Mary Adaline; and Samuel.

(6) Samuel Houchins, son of Thos.(5) was born near Harrodsburg, Ky., Jan. 14, 1827. He married in 1849 Belinda Burks (born June 21, 1830, died Oct. 28, 1898) and died in Colusa, Calif., May 27, 1892. He spent many years in the field of education as teacher in public schools and college, and as county superintendent of schools. He received his own education in the schools of Mercer county and Bacon college in Harrodsburg, which later was moved to Lexington and became Transylvania University. Samuel Houchins and wife left Kentucky in about 1850 and moved to Monroe county, Mo., where they lived until August, 1872, when they moved on west to California. Children were Annie Eliza Crutcher, 1852-1930; Edward Alonzo, 1854-1922; Emma Jane Heitman, born 1856, living (1930) Berkley, Calif., Henry Lewis, born 1859, living Grimes, Calif., Carrie Belle, born 1865, living Colusa, Calif., Gertrude, born Oct. 11,





1870, living San Francisco.

(7) Emma Jane Houchins, dau. of Sam(6) married Mr. Heitman, and has two sons, Hubert and Fred. Both are dental graduates of Washington University, St. Louis. Dr. Hubert practices in San Francisco and Dr. Fred in Merced, Calif.

(7) Gertrude Houchins, dau. of Sam(6) was born in Shelby, Mo. She was a teacher from 1888 to 1908, owned and operated an almond orchard and a vineyard from 1910 to 1930, and now (1930) manages an apartment house in San Francisco.

(7) Edward Alonzo Houchins, son of Sam(6) was born Dec. 30, 1854, in Monroe county, Mo. He was a teacher in the early years of his life, and later county tax collector, Colusa, Calif. He died Sept. 13, 1922. Children were Ralph Keith, deceased; Edward, San Mateo, Calif., George Burk, Stockton, Calif., Lawrence, deceased; Lewis William, Colusa; Margaret Kitts, Stockton; Celia Robbin, Berkley, Calif.

(7) Henry Lewis Houchins, son of Sam(6) was born in 1859 in Monroe county, Mo. In 1930 he was a resident of Grimes, Calif., as was also his son, Claude Lewis Houchins.

(6) Benjamin Houchins, son of Thos.(5) was born in 1827 in Mercer county, Ky. He was married to Martha K. Grove of Shelby county, Ky. in March of 1854. She was born Oct. 23, 1833, and died in 1917 in Madison, Mo. Benj. Houchins was a soldier in the Civil War, and on returning home at its close in 1865 he was drowned in attempting to cross Red River. Children surviving were James William, born April 7, 1857; Robert Frank, born June 15, 1859; Joseph Edward, born May 23, 1861, the latter two residents of Madison, Mo., 1930; Benjamin Samuel, born Jan. 9, 1865; and Mary, who married James Swindell. Mrs. Swindell names the following as grandchildren, the Swindells being Mattie, born May 17, 1886; Emma, born July 31, 1887; Clarence, born Sept. 15, 1889; Bennie, born Oct. 2, 1891; Mike, born July 28, 1894; Sallie, born May 14, 1896; Roy B., born Sept. 3, 1899; Opal Otis, born Aug. 4, 1903. The Houchins grandchildren were P. C., born July 3, 1886; Wesley; Tracy; Frank; Jessie; Ruby.

(6) Daughters of Thos.(5) were Betsey Ann, who married a Thomas; Sally, who married a Van Arsdale; Ellen, who married a Finnell; Mary, who married an O'Connor, and whose sons are James of Harrodsburg, Ky., and Howard; Adaline M., who mar-





ried Mr. Baker, and was living in Deadwood, S. D., in 1930, age ninety years. Her children were James; Helen of Deadwood; Mrs. Charles W. Dewey, Florence, Mass.

(4) Francis Houchins, son of Francis(3) was born in Goochland county, Va., Febr. 17, 1764. He was married June 28, 1782, to Mary Jones, daughter of Harrison Jones and Ruth Addison. Mary was born Nov. 23, 1761. Francis and Mary lived all their lives in Goochland and Louisa counties except for a year or two in Augusta county. June 16, 1821, they sold their interest in the land which had belonged to his father, and in 1812 Mary and Francis received property from the estate of her father. Their children were Francis A., Walter J., Henry A., Dabner; Wilson M., and others. Henry married Clarisa Graves May 23, 1826, security Wilson M. Houchins and James Graves. Henry and wife sold their property in Goochland county in 1831 and moved to Kentucky, settling on Green River.

(5) Wilson M. Houchins, son of Francis(4) was born in 1791 in Goochland county. He was married to Sarah V. Quigg Mar. 12, 1816, and to them was born a daughter, Hardenia, soon after which Sarah died. Wilson was married again Oct. 30, 1820, to Anne Herndon, daughter of Thomas Herndon. They lived the rest of their lives in Goochland county where Wilson died in 1858 and Anne in 1866. By will dated Nov. 21, 1856, Wilson Houchins bequeathed his wife 300 acres of land and his home during her life, also his negro, Preston, and wife, Lucy, and negro women, Jane and Abby. To his oldest son, Joseph A., he gave all the balance of the home tract of about 300 acres, and negro men, John, William and Sterling, also horse, buggy and harness "now in his possession", also one bed, bedstead and furniture and \$500.00 in cash. To his oldest daughter, Emma S. Duval he left all the Herndon Tract on which she lived, about 400 acres, and negro girls, Silvinia, Hannah and her three children, Jane, William and Harriett, also all the property formerly given her, and his piano. To his daughter, Sallie E. Houchins, he gave \$4,000.00 in cash, negro man, Abram, girl, Rebecca, one French bedstead and furniture, one marble top bureau, one marble top wash stand. On the death of his wife the youngest son, Thomas W., was to have the home, house and 300 acres of land given to his wife during her life and all property she may have except slaves; also his negro men Isaac, Bill, General and





G's wife Elvira, and her four children, Henry, Martha, Victoria and Katherine, and all her future increase; also \$400.00 in gold to be put on interest till he is twenty-one, or married, then put in his possession; a French bedstead, feather bed and furniture, black mare "he now rides", bridle and saddle. Daughter, Hardenia was to have all land, negroes and property she had heretofore received; \$1,000.00 to be paid on demand, or the interest as due. "That is all she is to receive." He named his wife, Ann, sole executrix. A son, Alpheus, born in 1838, had died young; Sarah E., or Sallie married a Mr. Dabney; Thomas Wilson, born in 1843, married first Cora Jennings Febr. 27, 1862, and second Mary L. White, Dec. 19, 1867. One child was Mary E; Emma-line S., born 1834, married Albert V. Duvall Mar. 10, 1852. All are deceased.

(6)Hardenia Houchins, dau. of Wilson(5) was born about 1818. She married Cadmel Houchins. See page 81.

(6)Joseph Alexander Houchins, son of Wilson(5) was born May 24, 1831, and died Sept. 7, 1892. He married America S. Martin of Fluvanna county Dec. 20, 1855. Joseph Houchins was a soldier in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. His wife died in 1915. Their children were Joseph H., Ada, who married Mr. Philpotts; Bertie, who married Mr. Long; Alpheus John; Lillian, born Sept. 24 1867, a resident of Richmond. She married Mr. Duvall.

(7)Joseph Herbert Houchins, son of Joseph(6) was born in Goochland county Sept. 29, 1856, and died March 27, 1915, at Beaver Dam, Va. He was married to Mattie Duvall Dec. 24, 1883; following her death he married Sally S. Hill Apr. 29, 1889. Children of Joseph Herbert Houchins were Herbert Guy, born in Goochland county Nov. 10, 1884, died Mar. 17, 1945; Mattie Standhope, born Febr. 11, 1891, living in Richmond; John Alpheus of Ashland, Va., and Joseph William, twins, born July 1, 1893; Margie Linwood, deceased, who married Mr. Buren; Ashby Bryan, of Chester, Va., born Oct. 11, 1898; Page Swift; Sallie A., of Richmond, born Sept. 23, 1906, married Mr. Oakes; Lois, of Midlothian, Va., born March 8, 1908.

(8)Page Swift Houchins, dau. of Joseph(7) was born Nov. 6, 1901, in Hanover county, Va. She is now a resident of Richmond where she is a teacher in the public schools.

(8)Joseph William Houchins, son of Joseph(7) was born in





Goochland county July 1, 1893. He is married to Susie Esther Cole, and lives in Richmond, Va. There are no children.

(7)Alpheus John (Jack) Houchins, son of Joseph(6) was born in Goochland county where he lived for many years. One child, a daughter, is Jane. She taught in the schools of New Jersey until her marriage in 1936 to Mr. Dyer.

(5)Nancy Houchins, dau. of Francis(4) married Lewis Thomasson Aug. 22, 1829, in Louisa county.

(5)Francis A. Houchins, son of Francis(4) was probably born in Goochland county, but lived later in Louisa county. He was married Oct. 3, 1821, to Ann Trice, daughter of Dabney Trice, in Louisa county. In November of 1829, "about to move to the western country" he appointed Wm. F. Tyler power of attorney to act for him in all matters.

(5)Walter J. Houchins, son of Francis(4) was born Jan. 21, 1804 (date given by his granddaughter) and married Dec. 17, 1821, in Goochland county Lucy C. Harris, widow of Samuel Harris. August 29, 1822, they sold the land she had received from the estate of her late husband in Cumberland county, and moved over into Louisa county. About 1825 Lucy died, leaving a small son, Albert Smith Houchins, born 1822. May 23, 1826, Walter was married to Elizabeth S. Kenney in Louisa county by Rev. Wm. Hiter. Elizabeth, born May 4, 1806, was the daughter of John and Sarah Kenney. After the death of Walter she married Harvey Brown, who had a son, Hershel, who was killed in the Civil War. In 1869, after the death of Mr. Brown, Elizabeth went to live with her daughter, Sarah Lavenia, in Illinois, where she died Sept. 22, 1874. She is buried in Bethel Cemetery at Emden. Walter and Elizabeth Houchins lived in Louisa county until about 1831, when they moved to Ross Co., Ohio, later to Circleville, Ohio, where Walter died. Children were Julia Ann; Mary J., Amelia Dorothy, born Nov. 11, 1830, died in early childhood; Sarah Levenia; Christopher S., born in Chillicothe, Ohio, Febr. 7, 1835, and killed in the Civil War; David Walter.

(6)Albert Smith Houchins, son of Walter(5) was born in Goochland county, Va., Sept. 26, 1822. He accompanied his parents to southern Ohio, where he grew to manhood. When a young man he worked for a neighbor, Jim Abernathey, receiving twenty-five cents a day. About 1842 he married a niece of Ab-





ernathey, Charlotte Connor, a teacher, and daughter of a teacher of surveying, John Connor. They continued to live in Ohio for the next thirteen years, where four of their children were born. They then moved to Illinois, riding horseback all the way, settling near Mattoon when it was almost a swamp, with not a dozen houses in it. Soon after arriving in Mattoon Albert bought forty acres of land and built a log cabin on it. Steadily adding to their holdings they soon acquired a large farm. Four more children were born to them after coming to Illinois. Albert Houchins died in 1915 at the age of ninety-three; his wife had died Dec. 15, 1890, age sixty-five. Their children were John; Wilamine; Rhoda and Lucy, who died young; Stephen; James, who died unmarried at Olney, Ill., 1922; Bennie, died in infancy; Albert.

(7) John Houchin, son of Albert(6) was born June 18, 1842, near Circleville, Ohio, and died Febr. 22, 1926, at Canton, Miss. He was a brick manufacturer in Illinois for over twenty years, and furnished many thousands of bricks for the first brick buildings in Mattoon. He was married to Mahaley Sublet, who died in 1884. They were the parents of four children, one dying in infancy. The others were Stephen; Dosia; Frank.

(8) Dr. Stephen A. Houchen, son of John(7) was born near Mattoon, Ill., in 1880. Dr. Houchen graduated from the St. Louis University in 1904, and has practiced for fifteen years in Sumner, Ill., and to the present time (1928) in Olney, Ill. He is dental surgeon for the hospital in Olney, doing all their mouth surgery and extractions. Dr. Houchen is an officer in the Isaac Walton League, and has a summer home in northern Wisconsin. He is married to Ada Poff.

(8) Theodosia Houchen, dau. of John(7) was born in 1882. She married George Allen, floriculturist at the University of Illinois. Their children are Neva Grace; George Elroy; Virginia.

(8) Frank Houchen, son of John(7) was born in 1884. He is a farmer living near Canton, Miss., and has two children, John and Mary.

(7) Wilamine Houchen, dau. of Albert(6) was born in 1845. She has been an invalid for years (1928), living at the home of her niece, Mrs. Geo. Allen, in Champaigne, Ill.

(7) Stephen Houchen, son of Albert(6) was born at Mattoon, Ill., where he yet resides. (1928) He married Ella Thomas, and





they have three children, Hershel; Grover; Walter. Grover is married and lives in southern Illinois, the father of five children. Walter and wife, Zella, live near Mattoon, and have one son.

(8) Hershel Houchen, son of Stephen(7) married Jessie Harrison. Their children are Marie; Edna; Wayne; Vernon.

(7) Albert Houchen, son of Albert(6) a resident of Mattoon, (1928) married Sophia Wadell, now deceased. Their children are Wilma; Bertha; Leslie. Wilma married Ernest Poff, and lives at Sioux Pass, Mont., Bertha married John Freeman, and lives in Chicago; Leslie married Ruth (?) They live at Mattoon, and have two children, Henry Albert, born in 1921, and Frances, born in 1924.

(6) Julia Ann Houchen, dau. of Walter(5) was born in Louisa county, Va., July 2, 1827. She married Alfred C. Guthrie, a school teacher, at Portsmouth, Ohio, June 15, 1847, where he died prior to 1869. In that year Julia and family came by covered wagon to Logan county, Illinois, settling in Orvil township where she farmed for thirty-six years. She moved to Emden, Ill., in 1883 and lived there until her death July 6, 1911. She is buried in Bethel Cemetery, Emden. Children were William F., Louisa E., Aaron Walter, who married Julia Irwin, and lives in Kansas City, Kan., Elizabeth, married Mr. Manuel and had one son, Charles Gilbert.

(7) William Franklin Guthrie, son of Julia(6) married Sarah Willis. Two children were William and Charles, both of Newton, Kansas.

(7) Louisa E. Guthrie, dau. of Julia(6) is now (1928) living in Hopedale, Ill. She married Mr. Smalley, and they have one son, Alfred. He lives in Pekin, Ill., and has three children, Edgar, Warren and Orvetha.

(6) Mary J. Houchins, dau. of Walter(5) was born in Louisa county, Va., Oct. 15, 1828, and died at Emden, Ill. She married Clark Gallagher, and of their children one daughter married E. L. Carnahan of Emden; a son, Maxwell, had a daughter, Bessie; another son, Charles, had two daughters, Gladys, who married a Mr. Kallmeyers, and Mabel, who married Mr. Newpher.

(6) Sarah Lavenia Houchins, dau. of Walter(5) was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, Dec. 31, 1832. She married Benjamin Franklin Temple Jan. 31, 1856, at Portsmouth, Ohio, and died Febr. 14, 1926, at Emden, Ill. Mr. Temple was born at Chillicothe





March 19, 1832, and died at Emden April 26, 1894. Both are buried in Bethel Cemetery. They came from Portsmouth to Illinois in a covered wagon and arrived at Emden June 30, 1867. Settling on a farm in Orvil township, Logan county, they lived there until 1874, then moved to Emden. They lived here until their deaths. When they came to Illinois deer, wolves and coyotes yet roamed the prairies, and wild ducks and geese enjoyed the waters of the sloughs and creeks. The mother of Sarah accompanied them to Illinois, where she died in 1874. Children of Sarah Houchin Temple were Charles; Anna; Mary; George W., born Jan. 10, 1862, died June 11, 1867; James Franklin, born Jan. 30, 1864, living (1928) at Emden; Harry born Nov. 14, 1865, Portsmouth, O., married Daisy Arno, lives Delavan, Ill., Stephen Clark born Apr. 4, 1869, Emden, lives near Mullen, Nebr., (1928); Carrie May, born Febr. 9, 1871, married George Walker, lives in Emden; Maude Vestatia; Lydia B., Lulu.

(7) Charles Robert Temple, son of Sarah(6) was born Oct. 13, 1857, at Portsmouth, O., and died Oct. 17, 1929, at Mullen, Nebr. He was married to Mint McCalpin, Emden, Ill., and to them were born Mable; Ethel; Gordon; Loyd and Floyd, twins.

(8) Mable Temple, dau. of Chas.(7) married G. N. Drummet. He is in the R. M. S., and they live in Lincoln, Nebr. (1928).

(8) Ethel Temple, dau. of Chas.(7) married Mr. Severs, and later Mr. Juhl. She lives in Lincoln, Nebr.

(7) Anna Florence Temple, dau. of Sarah(6) was born Jan. 21, 1859, at Portsmouth. She married Rufus Wiseman, and later W. C. Stone. She died March 16, 1914, leaving three children, Iva Bell; Enoch Vance; Franklin. Iva married Troy Hardy, and lives at Delavan, Ill. (1928)

(7) Mary Temple, dau. of Sarah(6) was born July 6, 1860, at Portsmouth. She married Wm. H. LaBee, and they both died at Long Beach, Calif. Their children were William Cleveland; Mable Maude, who married Edwin Grove; Edna Lillian, who married Otto Leaverton, and has a son, Marion. They all live in California.

(7) Lottie, or Lydia, B. Temple, dau. of Sarah(6) was born Aug. 9, 1867, at Emden, Ill., and married W. C. Blair. They live (1928) at Rapid City, S. D., and their children were William Temple, who died in infancy, and Doris Dennah, who married R. Lewis Muller.





(7)Lulu Temple, dau. of Sarah(6) was born Oct. 6, 1872, at Emden, and married Tyler S. Overpeck. She died in Bellefourche, S. D., Jan. 3, 1929. Children were Real, who died in infancy; Hazel Edna, born 1904, married T. J. Broadhurst, lives Bellefourche, and has a son, Glen Tyler; Charyl Temple, born Mar. 5, 1906, married W. J. Bjornson, and lives in Omaha, Nebr., Emma L., born Jan. 31, 1910, married Chester McClure, lives Bellefourche; Lem Franklin, born Sept. 18, 1911, and also lives in Bellefourche (1928.)

(7)Maude Vestatia Temple, dau. of Sarah(6) was born Sept. 8, 1874, at Emden, Ill. She was married to A. G. Alberts Dec. 18, 1895, at the Folsom Hotel, Bloomington, Ill., by Rev. J. H. Gilliland, minister of the Christian Church. Mr. Alberts was born at Emden Aug. 31, 1873. They have lived at Lincoln, Ill., (1928) for the past eighteen years, eight of which Alberts has been deputy sheriff or sheriff. Their children are Dewey Verne; Franklin Leon. The latter was born Dec. 17, 1900, at Emden, and in 1929 was construction engineer for Sears, Roebuck & Co. in Chicago. Dewey Verne Alberts was born at Emden July 10, 1898, and married Alma George at Peoria, Ill., Oct. 11, 1923. They now live in Kansas City where he is chemist for the Cook Paint & Varnish Co. One son is Richard D., born Aug. 25, 1924, at Lincoln, Ill.

(6)David Walter Houchin, son of Walter(5) was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, Nov. 4, 1837. He was married to Ellen Bastin, and their children were Lulu, who married a Mr. Brownlee, and was killed in a tornado July 31, 1897; Colin, of Marshalltown, Ia., born in 1871; Minerva; Mack, who was drowned in the Dayton, Ohio, flood of 1910; Walter, who died at the age of eighteen; Albert, of Hammond, Ind., born 1879; Charles, born 1886, died Springfield, Ill., Apr. 7, 1930; Maxwell. David W. Houchin lives (1929) in Lincoln, Illinois. A newspaper clipping dated Sept. 8, 1929, states, "Aged Man Related Here Enjoys Airplane Ride. David Houchin, uncle of Mrs. A. G. Alberts of this city (Lincoln), took his first airplane ride in his life Sunday afternoon at the Decatur airport west of Decatur. Before Sunday Mr. Houchin had never seen a plane at close range. The aged man enjoyed the trip over the city and said that he 'never minded it a minute'."

(7)Minerva Houchin, dau. of David(6) was born in 1874.





She married Mr. Burling, and lives in San Jose, Ill. Children are Alton, born in 1895, lives in Detroit; Walter, of San Jose, born 1897; Nora, born 1898, married a Mr. Hulse, and lives in Peoria; Reta, also of Peoria, born 1900, married an Elrod; and Goldie, lives in San Jose.

(4) Stephen Houchins, son of Francis(3) was born March 19, 1769, in Goochland county, Va. He married Polly Chiles Nov. 7, 1810, in Louisa county, Va. Stephen died here about 1840, and Polly several years later. Nov. 12, 1818, Stephen and Polly gave deed for his interest in the estate of his father, Francis. In 1850 Polly, age seventy, had living with her Martha and James Bragg, Mary Houchins and her two children, James, eighteen, and Robert, thirteen. Two of Stephen's children were John C. and Mary.

(5) John Chiles Houchins, son of Stephen(4) was born Jan. 16, 1816, and died Sept. 20, 1867. He was married in Louisa Co., Va., Dec. 13, 1845, to Jane Smith Bragg, a near relative of Gen. Bragg of Civil War fame. Their children were William Henry; John Samuel; James Benjamin; George Hamilton; Charles Wesley; Martha Jane; Edloe Chiles; Thomas Joseph; Andrew J.

(6) William Henry Houchens, son of John(5) was born Febr. 15, 1847, in Louisa county, Va., and died Sept. 13, 1877. He married Mary M. (?) and children were Othaniel M., John J., and Roberta. The latter was born June 4, 1876.

(7) Othaniel Houchins, son of Wm.(6) was born in 1873. He married Nora A. Hopkins Febr. 28, 1902, and children are Otis; Emmitt; Anna; Loney. Emmitt and Loney were in the service during the second World War; Otis and Anna are married, Anna to a Mr. Rossou and they have one son, Carl Lee.

(7) John J. Houchens, son of Wm.(6) was born in 1871, and died in 1929. He married Alice C. Wright May 7, 1908, and a daughter is Sadie L., who married Chauncey Rossou.

(6) John Samuel Houchens, son of John(5) was born Aug. 23, 1849, in Louisa county, Va., and died Dec. 8, 1914, in Owen county, Ky. He came to Owen county in 1874 where he was married to Martha C. Marston in 1876. To them were born Elizabeth Jane; John Henry; Cyrus Aubry, born in 1883 and died in early life; Charles Porter; Willie B., born in 1891, lives in Monterey, Ky., Louisa Virginia; Brack Foster; Edna Earl.

(7) Elizabeth Jane Houchens, dau. of John(6) was born in





Owen county, Ky., Oct. 11, 1877, and married R. G. Gillock in 1893. To them a daughter, Eunice Mae, was born in 1894. She married Mr. Montague about 1920, and he was killed in 1927 when a building he was in collapsed. Mrs. Montague lives in New Liberty, Ky., (1930).

(7) John Henry Houchens, son of John(6) was born in Owen county, Ky., Aug. 12, 1879. He married Pelagia R. Bratton of Mason county, Ky., Jan. 9, 1907. Mr. Houchens is in business in Mt. Olivet, Ky. One son, Thomas Edwin, was born Febr. 22, 1908.

(7) Edna Earl Houchens, dau. of John(6) was born April 18, 1885. She married M. L. Perkins in Lawton, Okla., about 1910. Three children born to them were Gladys; Ralph; Norma. Mr. Perkins died in 1917, and Edna afterwards married Jesse Kaufman of Lexington, who died in 1925. They had one son, Billie.

(7) Charles Porter Houchens, son of John(6) was born June 3, 1887, and married Nellie Dillon in 1915. He is in business (1930) with his brother, John H., in Mt. Olivet. Children are Marvin Hunter, born 1916; Norman Boone, born 1920.

(7) Brack Foster Houchens, son of John(6) who was born in 1889, married Annie Lee Thomas. They live in Overton, Ky., and are the parents of four children.

(7) Louisa Virginia Houchens, dau. of John(6) was born Sept. 2, 1902, and married M. E. Morgan in 1920. They have three children, and live in Wheatly, Ky.

(6) James Benjamin Houchens, son of John(5) was born Aug. 8, 1853, and died May 7, 1918. He was married to Lucy Boler Waldrop, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Waldrop, Dec. 23, 1878, in Louisa county, Va. Children were Henry J., Charles L., and a child, name not known, born Apr. 15, 1888. Lucy died and James later married Emma J. (?) and to them were born twins, James and Nannie, Apr. 15, 1890; Andrew J., Lillian R., who married Olie Burton; Wilbur J., Thomas E., and George H. Andrew J. was born in 1895, and married Lillie B. White Jan. 25, 1916. Charles L. was born in 1882, and married Mary B. Rossou Nov. 3, 1914; one son, William, was in the last World War. Joseph Henry was born Jan. 18, 1884. He lives in Louisa county, and his children are Vernon Boxley; Woodrow Wilson; Millie Boler; Edith Florence; Clarence Henry, and James Otis, both soldiers in the second World War.





(6) George Hamilton Houchens, son of John(5) was born in Louisa county, Va., Aug. 31, 1856, and died July 2, 1923. He was married to Annie Elizabeth Johnson.

(6) Charles Wesley Houchens, son of John(5) was born in Louisa county Jan. 15, 1859. He went to Owen county, Ky., a few years after his brother, John, had settled there, where he was yet living in 1930. He was married to Fannie Scott, and their one child, Sarah Bragg Houchens, died in early life.

(6) Martha Jane Houchens, dau. of John(5) was born June 13, 1861. She married Walter Lee Wright Dec. 13, 1883, and they live (1930) at Bells Cross Roads, Va.

(6) Andrew Jackson Houchens, son of John(5) was born Apr. 12, 1866, and died Mar. 29, 1929, in Owenton, Ky. He had gone to Kentucky about 1890, and there married Lydia Marston. Three children were born to them, John Marston; Martha; A. J.

(7) Prof. John Marston Houchens, son of Andrew(6) married Miss Sidebottom, and their home is in Louisville, Ky. He is instructor in the Engineering College, University of Louisville.

(6) Thomas Joseph Houchens, son of John(5) was born Sept. 15, 1868. He was married to Bessie Bickley, and one daughter is Lorena who married James Payne.

(4) Lucy Houchins, dau. of Francis(3) was born Sept. 1, 1777, and married David Alvis Nov. 3, 1792. They were living in Campbell county, Va., in 1820.

(4) Nancy Houchins, dau. of Francis(3) was born in Goochland county Nov. 15, 1782. She accompanied her brother, Edward, and family when they moved to Mercer county, Ky., in 1822. Here she died in 1873.

(4) Elizabeth Houchins, dau. of Francis(3) married a Clements. They moved to Garrard county, Ky., in an early day. One son was Francis C., to whom she granted power of attorney in 1823 to act for her in the estate settlement of her father.

(4) Joyce Houchins, dau. of Francis(3) married Anderson Graves about 1798 in Louisa county, Va.

(4) Jesse Houchins, named James Jesse, son of Francis(3) was born in Goochland county, Va., in 1779. He was married to Susannah Pierce, in Goochland county Jan. 2, 1802, by Mr. Richard Pope. Susannah, born in 1785, was the daughter of Joseph Pierce and Mary Ann Page. The names 'Pierce' and





Joseph Pace, Sr.  
Will, Goochland Co. Deed Book 8, 1759-1765  
Virginia  
18 Dec. 1745 Proved June 18, 1765  
Wife: Ann  
Sons: John Pace  
      Josiah Pace  
      Joseph Pace  
Daus: Mary Pace  
      Elizabeth Pace  
      Sarah Pace  
Exrs: Son John Pace, son, Joseph Pace  
      Wife: Ann  
Witnesses: James George,  
            Wm. Johnson  
            Thomas Poor.

Goochland Co. Va.  
Deed Book 14, 1784-1788  
page 422 Parish St. James Northern  
Will: Robert Page  
Dated 26 May 1779  
Probate: 18 June 1787  
Heirs: Son William Page  
      Dau: Mary Ann Pace  
          Sally Lewis, wife of Wm. Lewis  
          Lucy Hodges  
          Christian Wilburn  
          Elizabeth Hodges  
Wife: Winneyfred Page  
Son-in-law: Joseph Pace  
Witness: Reuben Wetherspoon  
          John Salmon  
          John Thurston





'Pace' have been used interchangeably, but the one most commonly found in the Goochland county records is 'Pace'. The marriage bond of Jesse and Susannah gives her name as Pace. Her family, both the Pierces (Paces) and the Pages had long been residents of Goochland county. Her grandfather, Joseph Pierce, Sr., in a will dated Dec. 8, 1745, says, "Item, I give and bequeath to my son, Joseph Pace, all the rest of my tract of land, etc.," and again, to his wife, Ann, certain negro property and after her death "to my son, Joseph Pace". And on the death of Joseph Pace, Jr., in 1815 certain property went to Jesse and Susannah Houchins. On her maternal side Susannah descended from the Pages, a well known Virginia family. Her mother, Mary Ann Page, was the daughter of Robert Page. In a will dated May 26, 1779, Robert Page mentions his daughter, Mary Ann Pace, and names as executor his son-in-law, Joseph Pace. For the information of D. A. R. aspirants, there is on file in the State Archivist's office in Richmond, Va., a statement of service rendered during the Revolutionary War by Robert Page.

For a few short years after their marriage Jesse and Susan Houchins lived on the Little Byrd in Goochland county, and here five of their thirteen children were born. Then that urge to go west, that mysterious power of the west, which pulled men and families from their comfortable homes to drag them over unbeaten trails of suffering and hardship, seized upon them. In 1810 Jesse Houchins and family left their Virginia home and friends to seek a new abode in the west. It is said there was a wagon train of ten families that came into Kentucky with Jesse Houchins. He never tired telling of their experiences in coming over the Old Wilderness Road into Kentucky, that old road laid out by Daniel Boone in 1775, which was yet full of sloughs and mud holes, of sands and loose boulders, of twists and turns and jutting edges of rocks. The old road wound its way from the "Old Block House", just across the Virginia line in Tennessee, through valley and over mountain. Travel was difficult; sharp turns and narrow ledges, loose rocks and dangerous holes made progress very slow. Six to ten miles was a good day's journey. The Old Road, now a national highway, is a monument to those hardy pioneers who braved the perils of its tortuous course to make for themselves new homes in beautiful Kentucky.

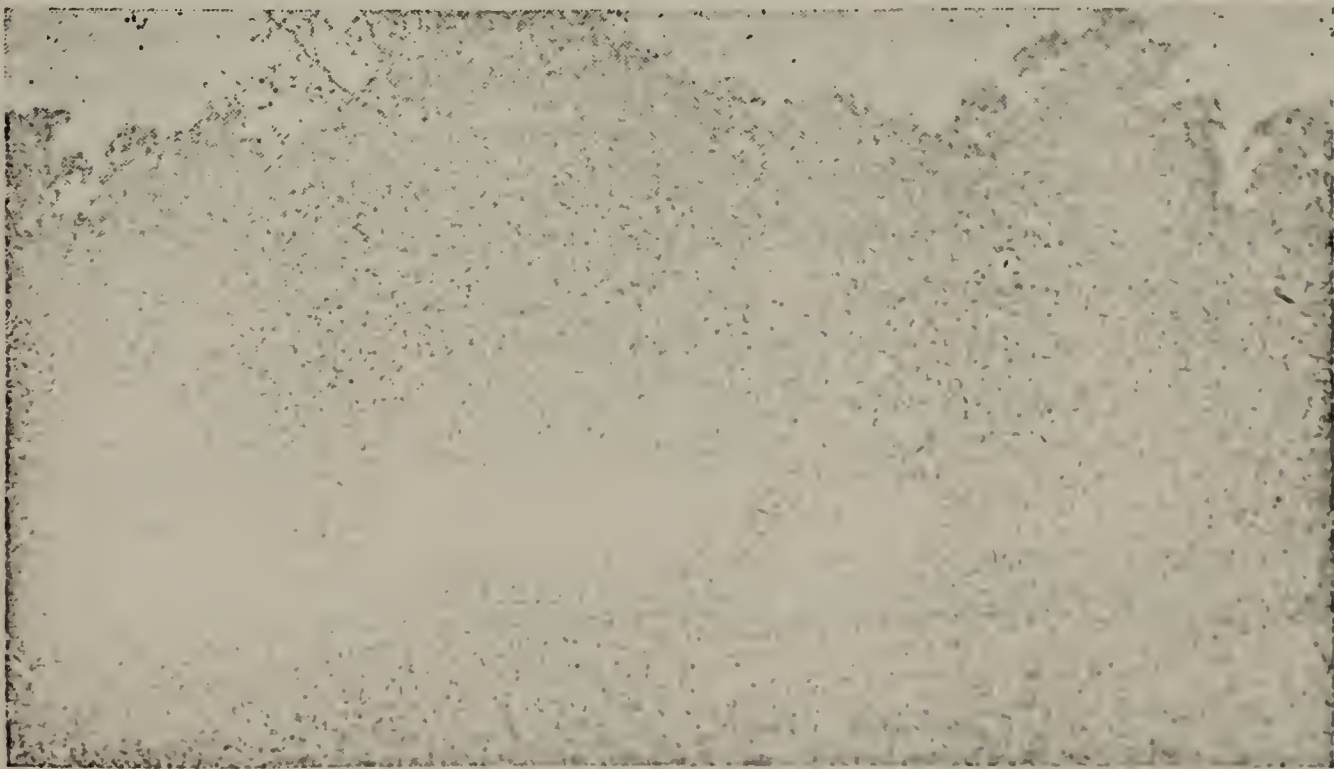




Emerging from the mountains and the foothills, Jesse Houchins and family found themselves in the beautiful blue grass section of Kentucky. Probably not because of the similarity to his own name, but for more practical reason, Jesse chose Jessamine county in which to make their home, and here they lived for many years.

About 1827, or soon after the formation of Anderson county, Jesse Houchins bought land within a few miles of Lawrenceburg, the county seat, and here the family lived until the marriage of the children and death of the parents. Jesse died in 1837, and Susannah some twenty years later. Both are buried on their farm in Anderson county, and beside them is their daughter, Hulda. The old house has been torn down, but there still remains a pile of stones where the fire place and chimney stood. The old well is very much as it was a century ago, and the orchard, after almost a hundred years, still produces some fruit (1929). The writer of this account visited the old farm, and picked some pears from the orchard. The land now belongs to the Thomas Ruble estate, but the graves of these Kentucky pioneers have never been molested, and are as they were when these worthy people passed to their reward.

Like Jesse of old, this Jesse was the father of eight sons, Francis Broaddus; Joseph Pierce; James Henry; William Stuart;



Surrounded by these Bushes are the Graves of  
Jesse and Susannah Houchins



Kentucky Pioneer & Court Records  
 page 90: Marriages of Anderson Co. Ky.  
 Marshal Stivers and Mary Ann Houchens,  
 daughter of Jesse Houchens. Feb. 27, 1833  
 Signed: Marshall Stivers and James Houchens  
 Married by Rev. Wm. Hickman, Feb. 28, 1833.  
 Boone Co. Missouri 1850 Census:  
 Marshall Stiver 46 Farmer b. Ky.  
 Mary Ann 45 Va.  
 James H. 13 (Mo. ( Ky.)  
 Cynthia A. 11 " "

Goochland Co. Va. Deed Bk. 5, 1745-1749  
 Will of Stephen Clements  
 30 Nov. 1745; proved July 15, 1746  
 Wife: Elizabeth  
 James Clements, youngest son  
 John Simons, son of Wm. Simons  
 Dau: Joyce Clements (under 21)  
 Sole Extrx: Wife; Elizabeth Clements  
 Wit: John Smith, William Simmons, Lowry La

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Abner Calvin; Robert Mansfield; John Mason; Jesse Clements. There were also five daughters, Permelia Madison; Mary Ann; Joyce; Hulda, a twin of Robert, who died in infancy; Elizabeth; Nancy. In the brief account of each one of these children the name will be spelled as he, himself, spelled it. It is strange that of these eight brothers, four should spell their names in different ways.

(5) Mary Ann Houchins, dau. of Jesse(4) was born Nov. 28, 1804, in Goochland county, Va., and died Apr. 28, 1902, at Pottsboro, Texas. She married Marshal Stivers Febr. 28, 1833, in Anderson county, Ky., where they lived until 1842. In that year they moved to Missouri and took up land in Boone and Randolph counties. About the year 1875 they moved on to Texas where Marshal died Mar. 7, 1877. Children of Mary Ann Stivers were Susan A., born Dec. 28, 1833, died June 22, 1836; James H., Cynthia Ann, born Mar. 5, 1839, and died in 1903; William Jackson; Fielding Wilhite; Robert Newton. Marshal Stivers, by an earlier marriage, had two children, Francis S. and Eliza Jane. There is no information of these children.

(6) Dr. James Harvey Stivers, son of Mary Ann(5) was born in Anderson county, Kentucky, January 21st, 1837, and died March 1st, 1916, at his home in Dennison, Texas. He was a graduate of Missouri State University, and practiced medicine in both Missouri and Texas. Returning home from a professional call late one night, the horse Dr. Stivers was driving became frightened, and threw the doctor from the buggy in which he was riding, resulting in injuries from which he died six days later. May 27, 1863, Dr. Stivers was married to Mary E. Brown, and two children born to them were Thomas M., and Mary Frances. Later he was married to Nellie D. Harris, and their children were Sarah Mildred; Lucy Marian; Carrie Bell; John Milton, born Febr. 10, 1894; George Cook, born Nov. 29, 1896.

(7) Thomas Marshal Stivers, son of James(6) was born Febr. 15, 1865. He lives (1930) in Vancouver, Wash., and his children are Donald and Tracey.

(7) Mary Frances Stivers, dau. of James(6) was born June 16, 1871, and married a Mr. Thompson. Their children are Jewel; Thomas Curtis; Stiver; Paul; Mildred T., Mary Jane.

(8) Mary Jane Thompson, dau. of Mary(7) was born March





1, 1888. She married a Mr. Cecil, and their children are Price, born Nov. 11, 1918; Jewel Frances, born July 6, 1920; Marian, born Jan. 2, 1924; Nellie Ruth, born Nov. 28, 1926.

(8)Jewel Thompson. dau. of Mary(7) was born March 1, 1894. She married a Mr. Blackwell, and they have one child, June, born Aug. 6, 1925.

(8)Thomas Curtis Thompson, son of Mary(7) was born Dec. 7, 1897. His children are Lakoma, born Dec. 26, 1927; Norma Jean, born Aug. 7, 1929; Marian Curtis, born Nov. 22, 1930.

(8)Stiver Thompson, son of Mary(7) was born Sept. 5, 1903. He is married, and his children are Billie, born Sept. 19, 1926; Teddy, born Febr. 8, 1931.

(8)Mildred Thompson, dau. of Mary(7) was born July 27, 1900. She married Mr. Stevens, and one child is Sallie Jo, born Mar. 31, 1926.

(7)Sarah Mildred Stiver, dau. of James(6) was born Sept. 14, 1884. She married Mr. Flanery, and their children are Nellie Frances, born Sept. 4, 1904; James Clayton, born Dec. 24, 1907; Mildred, born July 16, 1909, married a Reynolds; Marion, born Febr. 28, 1912; David Kelley, born Oct. 19, 1920.

(7)Lucy Marian Stiver, dau. of James(6) was born Sept. 30, 1886. She married Mr. Hightower, and children are William Conova, born Mar. 1, 1913; Sallie Ruth, born June 6, 1916; George Milton, born Febr. 8, 1921; Nellie Jo, born Oct. 11, 1924; Billie Dawson, born Febr. 25, 1929.

(7)Carrie Bell Stiver, dau. of James(6) was born Jan. 15, 1889. She married Mr. Robinson, and they have one son Thornton Harris, born Sept. 4, 1912.

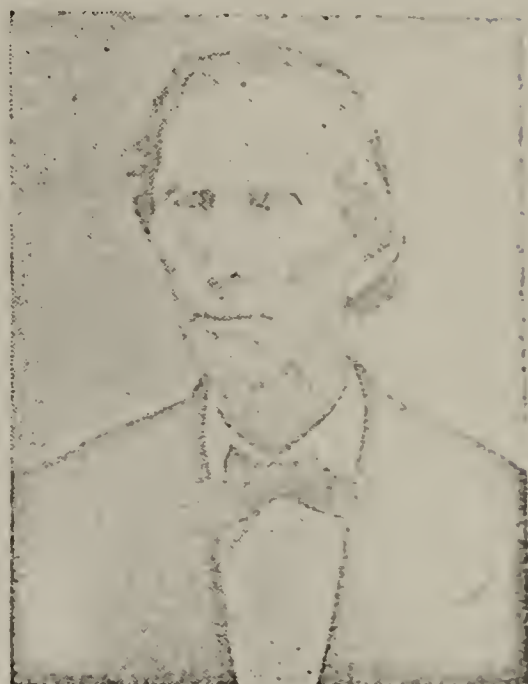
(5)Francis Broadus Houchin, son of Jesse(4) was born in Goochland Co., Va., Sept. 4, 1805. He came with his parents to Kentucky when five years old, and here he lived the remainder of his life. He was married to Nancy Martin, daughter of Abraham Martin, Nov. 5, 1835, by the Rev. John Hollard, Baptist preacher of Shelby county. Frank Houchin and family were active members of the Pigeon Fork Baptist Church, and he and Nancy are buried in the Church Cemetery, the land of which was given by him, and added to by his son, William. Francis Houchin died Febr. 2, 1875, and his wife some twenty years later at the age of eighty-five. Nancy Houchin was admired and re-







Nancy Houchin



Francis B. Houchin

spected by those who knew her. All hastened to do her bidding, and though not imperious, she never hesitated to let her wants be known. Francis and Nancy Houchin raised a family of three boys and one girl, namely, William F., John T., James H., and Martha Jane.

(6) William Franklin Houchin, son of Francis(5) was born in Shelby county, Ky., July 31, 1836. After finishing common school in Shelby county, he attended normal school in Lebanon, Ohio, to prepare himself for teaching. He taught in the public schools for many years, but when the War between the states broke out he closed his school and joined the Union Army. He was a member of the Sixth Kentucky Voluntary Infantry, was wounded at Shiloh, but later returned to his regiment and served through the remainder of the War. In the later years of his life he was U. S. storekeeper and gauger in the Internal Revenue Service. In 1881 William F. Houchin was married to Sallie Searcy, and after retiring from public service, moved to Waddy, Ky., where he died Apr. 4, 1915. He was buried in Pigeon Fork cemetery, but later disinterred and moved to Waddy where his grave could receive better care. Children were James M., Martha Jane; Willie Edna; Benjamin H., Nancy E.

(7) Nancy Elizabeth Houchin, dau. of Wm.(6) was born in Shelby county Febr. 5, 1882. She was a teacher in the Shelby county schools for many years. In 1907 she was married to W. T. Robertson, and one daughter was Julia Jessie. In October of





1928 Nancy, who held a position in the Shelbyville postoffice, took a few days leave to have a minor operation performed. She told only one or two persons of her intentions, so when she failed to survive the surgery the report of her death came as a severe blow to her friends and relatives.

(8) Julia Jessie Robertson, dau. of Nancy(7) was born Nov. 27, 1907, and married James R. Mayes Aug. 18, 1926. Their residence (1928) is Knoxville, Tenn.

(7) James McCampbell Houchin, son of Wm.(6) was born May 7, 1884, in Shelby county, Ky. He was a school teacher and farmer, and in the Internal Revenue Service as gauger and storekeeper. Nov. 17, 1909, he was married to Ruby Hardesty, and their children are Sarah Lee, born Febr. 1, 1913, a musician now (1928) studying in the Kentucky Conservatory of Music; Arnold John, born Dec. 18, 1915, yet at home in Mt. Eden.

(7) Willie Edna Houchin, dau. of Wm.(6) was born in Anderson county, Ky., Nov. 2, 1886. She attended school in Waddy and Harrisonville, took a Normal Training course at Transylvania, and finished her higher education with two years at Georgetown University. She taught in the public schools until 1925, when she accepted a position as cashier in the Louisville post office. She is married to Mr. DeBord; their summer home is in Waddy, Ky., their winter home in Florida.

(7) Benjamin Harrison Houchin, son of Wm.(6) was born Oct. 26, 1888. He is (1929) a resident of Waddy, and devotes the major portion of his time managing his farms in Shelby Co.

(6) John Thomas Houchen, son of Francis(5) was born in Shelby county, Ky., June 4, 1840. He was a school teacher, soldier and farmer. At the close of the Civil War he went up into Indiana, near North Vernon, where he was married to Jennie King Brazelton in 1871. In 1872 they moved to Illinois, and secured a fine piece of land near Edinburg. Here their children were born and reared, and here he died June 2, 1925. His wife, born Oct. 1845, died at Cowden, Ill., Oct. 15, 1922. Children were Fred F., William W., Guy H., Charles H., John T., Josie J., Bonnie G.

(7) Fred Francis Houchen, son of John Thos.(6) was born Jan. 23, 1873. In December of 1900 he was married to Lucy Pilcher at Vandalia, Ill., soon after which they moved to Rapid City, S. D. Here he died Febr. 4, 1914. After his death Lucy





and their only child, Ernest, moved to St. Paul, Minn., where they were living in 1929.

(7) William Walter Houchen, son of John Thos.(6) was born at Edinburg, Ill., Febr. 4, 1874. He married Ida M. Campbell of Tower Hill, Ill., Oct. 7, 1900, and they now (1929) live at Bolivia, Ill., where Mr. Houchen is principal in the public schools.

(7) Guy Hungerford Houchen, son of John Thomas(6) was born Aug. 20, 1876, at Edinburg. Completing his education at Western Normal College, Bushnell, Ill., he taught in the Shelby and Christian county, Ill., schools for eleven years. He then entered the Government Indian Service and was stationed at Cloquet, Minn., for six years in charge of the Chippewas, later transferred to the Standing Rock Reservation, Bullhead, S. D. Here he remained another twelve years, thus spending eighteen years with the Indians. He could speak both the Chippewa and Sioux languages fluently, and was thoroughly conversant with Indian matters over the entire country. He was held in great respect by every member of the tribe, both because of his great physique and because of his fairness in dealing with them. When he retired from the Service he was adopted by the Standing Rock Sioux and made a member of their tribe. They gave him the name, 'Friend', for the high esteem in which they held him. On his retirement from the Indian Service, Guy Houchen was elected to the office of Highway Superintendent for the state of South Dakota. His family lives in McIntosh (1929) where his two sons, Guy H., Jr., and Rex, are in school. His wife was Nora Sisk of Tower Hill, Ill., to whom he was married in 1907.

(7) Charles Herbert Houchen, son of John Thos.(6) was born at Edinburg, Ill., Apr. 4, 1878. He was married to Minnie Nave and two children were born to them, a son, Thomas, and a daughter. Later, after moving to near Holland, Minn., Charles married secondly Vera Hatch, and they are the parents of five children. All live (1929) near Holland.

(7) John Thomas Houchen, son of John Thos.(6) was born in 1887 in Edinburg, Ill. He is a special police officer in Los Angeles, where he has lived since 1919.

(7) Josie Jennie Houchen, dau. of John T.(6) was born in Edinburg Febr. 9, 1882. In 1930 she was a teacher in the Stonington, Ill., public schools.

(7) Bonnie Grace Houchen, dau. of John Thos.(6) was born





at Pawnee, Ill., Jan. 15, 1892. She was married to Frank McChristy of Stonington in 1915. Their children are Wesley, born 1918; Jean, born 1921.

(6) Martha Jane Houchin, dau. of Francis(5) was born June 20, 1844, in Shelby county, Ky. She married a Mr. Brown, and they moved to southern Kentucky, where she died Jan. 23, 1913.

(6) James Henry Houchen, son of Francis(5) was born Jan. 8, 1847, in Shelby county, Ky. He was a soldier and a school teacher. Soon after the War he married Mrs. Fiddler, and one son was William Bright, born June 22, 1884.

(5) Permelia Madison Houchins, dau. of Jesse(4) was born in Goochland county, Va., in 1807. She married James Brumfield, and they lived in Anderson county, Ky., until her death about 1875, after which he went to Cass county, Mo., to live with his daughter, Frances. Children were Greenbury; Woodson; Joseph; James; Emily; Mahulda; Mary Jane; Frances.

(6) Greenbury Brumfield, son of Permelia(5) was born in Anderson county, Ky., where he married a Martin girl. He went to California during the gold rush, and never returned,

(6) Woodson Brumfield, son of Permelia(5) was born in Anderson county, but when a young man went to Missouri to live. Here he was married, and children were Jesse; Joseph; William; Sarah; George; Woodson. At the beginning of hostilities between the states he joined the Confederate Army, and was sent south in the command of General Price. He was soon taken prisoner and sent to the federal prison at Alton, Ill. Here he died October 20, 1862.

(7) Jesse Brumfield, son of Woodson(6) was born in Washington county, Ky., in 1851. He married Nancy Neal Jan. 29, 1874, and lives (1929) at Sparta, Ill. His children are Maude; Hattie; Lin; Ellis.

(6) Joseph Brumfield, son of Permelia(5) was also a soldier of the Confederacy. He survived the War, and moved to Texas where he raised his family.

(6) James Brumfield, son of Permelia(5) died a young man. A mean dog had been annoying him so James began to carry a pistol. On his first encounter with the dog after arming himself the gun was prematurely discharged, and James received the bullet in his left hand. Tetanus (lockjaw) developed, and he died within a few days.





(6) Emily Brumfield, dau. of Permelia(5) married Mr. Sut. They lived and died in Anderson county. One son was Joseph.

(6) Mahulda Brumfield, dau. of Permelia(5) married Tom Brumfield. They lived in Colorado at the time of their deaths. Children were Fannie; Bettie; Eugene; Beeler.

(6) Mary Jane Brumfield, dau. of Permelia(5) was born in Anderson county, Ky., and died in Boone county, Mo. She was married to George Samuel Ritter in true story book fashion. Not approving of Sam, Mary Jane's father, thinking to separate them, sent his daughter to relatives in Missouri. Consenting to go only because Sam proposed to meet her there, Mary Jane left her parents never to see them, nor hear directly from them, again. She died in 1906, and Sam the following year. Both are buried in Locust Grove Cemetery, Boone county, Mo. Children were John Marshall; Permelia Madison; Sarah Thomas.

(7) John M. Ritter, son of Mary Jane(6) had the following children: George Samuel; George Oliver; John; Joseph; Charles.

(8) George Oliver Ritter, son of John(7) had a son, Walter Oliver, born Sept. 21, 1910, in Sturgeon, Mo. He now (1930) lives in Columbia, Mo.

(7) Permelia Madison Ritter, dau. of Mary Jane(6) was born Nov. 5, 1862, and died May 1, 1915. She was married in 1899 to Solomon Bryson. There were no children.

(7) Sarah Thomas Ritter, dau. of Mary Jane(6) was born Apr. 27, 1869, in Boone county, Mo. She was married to James Thomas Melvin Sept. 6, 1899, and now lives (1930) in Columbia. Children are Merritt H., Myrtle R., Mary Cordelia, born Febr. 6, 1896, and died Jan. 27, 1912; Mattie V., Samuel J., Ellen F., James Thomas, born Sept. 19, 1908, died June 23, 1910.

(8) Merritt Hollis Melvin, child of Sarah(7) was born Jan. 27, 1892, in Boone county, Missouri, and now lives (1930) near Fayette, Mo.

(8) Myrtle Ruth Melvin, dau. of Sarah(7) was born Nov. 19, 1893. She married Albert Allen Coates in 1913, and children are Juanita Virginia, born Oct. 8, 1914; James Thomas, born in 1918; Albert Allen, born 1923; Hollis Dudley, born 1925. The Coates family lives on a farm near Huntsdale, Mo.

(8) Mattie Virginia Melvin, dau. of Sarah(7) was born Oct. 16, 1898. She married Dudley Preller Peak Dec. 25, 1916, and lives near Columbia, Mo. Their children are Dorothy Virginia,







Joseph Pierce Houchen



Cynthia Ann Houchen

born Nov. 2, 1917; James William, born Jan. 6, 1920; Ruth Marie, born Aug. 20, 1924; Samuel Allen, born Mar. 3, 1926, died Sept. 1, 1927; Sarah Frances, born Jan. 23, 1928.

(8) Samuel Jackson Melvin, son of Sarah (7) was born July 17, 1902, in Boone county, Mo. He is married to Helen P. Bradfield, and they live in Columbia. One child is Helen Virginia, born June 18, 1923.

(8) Helen Frances Melvin, dau. of Sarah (7) was born Sept. 6, 1905, at Hallsville, Mo. She married John Alvin Mathews, and they live in Columbia.

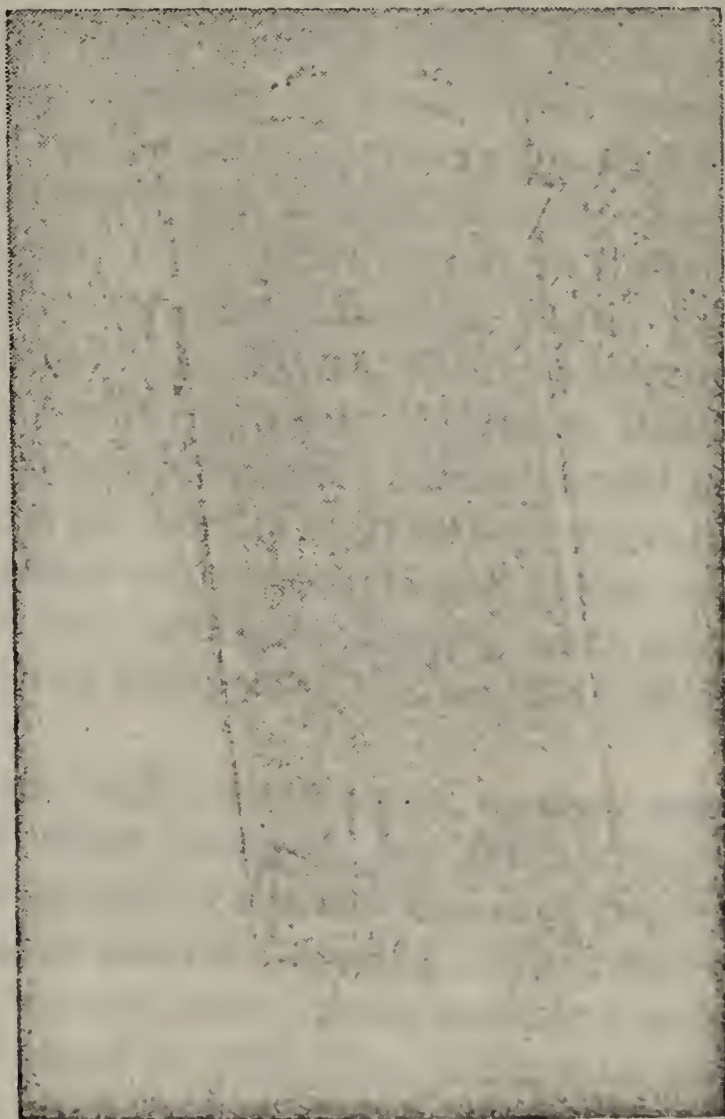
(6) Frances Brumfield, dau. of Permelia (5) lived in Cass Co., Mo. It was she with whom James Brumfield went to live after the death of Permelia.

(5) Joseph Pierce Houchen, son of Jesse (4) was born Aug. 22, 1808, in Goochland county, Va., and died Aug. 9, 1884, in Anderson county, Ky. He was united in marriage to Cynthia Ann Martin Jan. 30, 1834, by the Rev. John Hollard, Baptist minister of Shelby county, Ky. Cynthia Ann, the daughter of Abraham and Sarah Ross Martin, was born in 1817 in Shelby county, Kentucky. She was of an old Virginia family. The first of the name in this country, Capt. John Martin, was with Capt. John Smith in the settlement of Jamestown in 1607. The





"Plains of Abraham" famous battle ground of the French and Indian War, is said to have been so named after an Abraham Martin of Virginia. Cynthia's mother, Sarah Ross, was left an orphan when a babe. She was raised by a German family by the name of Riehl, and at the time of her marriage she could speak the German as well as the English language. After the birth of her youngest daughter, Luella, Cynthia became an invalid, and spent the remaining days of her life in bed. She died in December of 1863, and both she and her husband are buried



in the church cemetery at Pigeon Fork. They were regular attendants at the Pigeon Fork Baptist Church, the church which stood in two counties. It is said that the members sat in Anderson county while they listened to their minister who stood in the pulpit in Shelby county.

Children of Joseph and Cynthia Houchen were Nancy Jane; James Thomas; John Lewis; William Jerome; Henry Addison; Luella. When Cynthia died the three youngest children were yet at home, but following her death William and Ella went to





live with their sister, Jane, in Indiana. Henry remained with his father until the latter married an old acquaintance, Rebecca Malear. He then also joined his brothers and sisters in Indiana. Joseph Houchen was the owner of several farms in Shelby and Anderson counties. He was a very quiet and serious man, never having been heard to laugh aloud; he was equally as honest and trustworthy. He was known to his friends as "Honest Joe".

(6) Nancy Jane Houchen, dau. of Joseph(5) was born Dec. 24, 1834, in Anderson county, Ky. She was married to David Miller Roland Apr. 14, 1859, and immediately following the wedding dinner the newly wedded couple left by horseback for Indiana where they intended to make their home. Ella, the younger sister, sat on the porch steps crying, and Jane gave her a bead necklace to make her willing that she should go. Settling near Columbus, Ind., Dave and Jane Roland continued their residence there for almost twenty years, and there two children were born to them, Pierce, dying in infancy, and Forrest. In 1878 this family moved to Nebraska. With the coming of the Rolands also came drought, blizzards and grasshoppers. It is said that when the hordes of grasshoppers came Mrs. Roland covered her garden with blankets and quilts, or any covering she could find, but when the hungry pests moved on they not only had devoured the garden but had riddled the quilts and blankets.

Uncle Dave and Aunt Jane Roland, as they were affectionately known, had their greatest joy from their work in the church. They were leaders in the formation of the Walnut Creek Christian Church near Beaver Crossing, Nebr., and when it was moved into town they continued their worship there. Following the death of Mr. Roland in 1898, Mrs. Roland moved to Beaver Crossing where she died Sept. 15, 1904. Both are buried in the Beaver Crossing Cemetery.

(7) Forrest Huntley Roland, son of Nancy Jane(6) was born in Bartholomew county, Ind., July 14, 1863. He came with his parents to near Beaver Crossing, Nebr., in 1878, where he married Idella Foster Jan. 17, 1889. Soon after their marriage they moved into Beaver Crossing where he entered the furniture and implement business. With the advance of the automobile industry Mr. Roland sold his former business and opened a Buick garage and sales service. He was a pioneer in the automobile





business in which he continued until his death Dec. 26, 1933. He and his wife were members of the Christian Church in which they took an active part. Surviving are his wife and daughter, Vera. Children were Viva; Floyd; Earl; Vera; the first three dying in infancy.

(8)Vera Roland, dau. of Forrest(7) was born near Beaver Crossing July 1, 1898. She graduated from Beaver Crossing high school and attended Cotner College in Lincoln, Nebr. She was married to S. Glenn Porter in 1918, and two children born to them were Bernadine and Keith. Later she was married to Frank D. Watts. They live in Beaver Crossing, and children are Wanda Jean; Phyllis; Frank D.

(9)Bernadine Maxine Porter, dau. of Vera(8) was born Sept. 12, 1918, in Beaver Crossing, Nebr. She is a graduate of the local high school, and takes part in activities of the church and community. She is married to Roy A. Bye, also a graduate of Beaver Crossing high school. Mr. Bye is in business in Beaver Crossing, having moved there from Lincoln, Nebr., in 1945. Children are Jac Leroy, born Aug. 31, 1936, and Robert Gene, born Oct. 13, 1942.

(9)Keith Roland Porter, son of Vera(8) was born Dec. 8, 1919. He married Virginia Mason, and they have one child, a son, Kent Roland. After several years in the army, Keith is at home in Los Angeles.

(9)Wanda Jean Watts, dau. of Vera(8) was born Nov. 8, 1926. Soon after graduating from high school she went to Los Angeles where she married Rayburn Jean. Children are Mickey; Larry; Don.

(9)Frank D. Watts, son of Vera(8) was born Dec. 3, 1927. Soon after finishing high school he enlisted in the army, spending two years in Japan. On his return to civilian life he took up his residence in Lincoln, Neb.

(9)Phyllis Willetta Watts, dau. of Vera(8) was born Mar. 11, 1930. She is a graduate of the Beaver Crossing high school, and is married to Wilbur Stutzman. Two children are Laurel Lynn and Stephen W.

(6)James Thomas Houchen, son of Joseph(5) was born in Anderson county, Ky., July 8, 1838. He married Sally Skelton Dec. 29, 1859, and died Jan. 21, 1861. Sally was born Febr. 11, 1837, and died June 27, 1891. One child was William B. T.





(7) William Broaddus Thomas Houchin, son of James (6) was born Oct. 16, 1860, in Anderson county, Ky. He married Minerva Drugan Aug. 12, 1886, and she died Oct. 10th of the same year. Seven years later Tommy married Susan M. Perry. She died Oct. 9, 1896, and on Oct. 5, the following year he married Georgia A. Watson. He died just before Christmas in 1932. Children are Lulu; Lister; Leslie; Gertrude.

(8) Lulu Mae Houchin, dau. of Thos. (7) was born Sept. 10, 1898. She married Everett McGaubry, and they live in Avenstoke, Ky. Children are Ernest Paul; Christine; Elmer B., and Lillian Marie.

(8) Lister Thomas Houchin, son of Thos. (7) was born Apr. 8, 1900, in Anderson county, Ky. His home is in Avenstoke, where he is foreman for the L. & N. Ry. He has two children.

(8) Leslie Roosevelt Houchin, son of Thos. (7) born May 30, 1902, was married to Adoalie Brown. Their children are Floyd; Thomas; Margaret Mae.

(8) Leuna Gertrude Houchin, dau. of Thos. (7) was born July 12, 1905, and married Wilcher Beasley. Their children are James Oliver; William; Marshall; Alonzo Merimen.

(6) John Lewis Houchen, son of Joseph (5) was born Nov. 11, 1841. He received his common schooling in Anderson and Shelby counties, Ky., and his higher education at Hartsville College, Hartsville, Ind. He taught in the public schools of Indiana, both before, and after the War. He closed his school in November of 1863 to go into the army. His service record, as furnished by the War Department, shows that he enlisted Nov. 18, 1863, in Bartholomew county, Ind., and was mustered into Co. A, 120th Indiana Volunteer Infantry Dec. 16th at Columbus, a private. In ten days he was made a sergeant. Following the battle of Kingston, N. C., he was commissioned a lieutenant, and in less than a year promoted to a captaincy. He was with Sherman on his march to the sea, and the engagements in which his regiment participated were Cassville and Atlanta, Ga., Columbia and Franklin, Tenn., and Kingston, N. C. On his return from the army he took up his school work again and taught for many years. He was married to Amanda Richards Rhea, and children were William; Emma; Stanley; Dolly; Raymond; Harry; Grace.

About 1885 Lew Houchen, with his family, moved to Wash-





ington, D. C., to accept a position as fourth assistant postmaster general, which placed him in charge of the auditing department of the U. S. postal service. His family all live in, or near, Washington.

(7) William Rea Houchen, son of Lewis(6) was born Sept. 8, 1872, in Bartholomew county, Ind., and in 1930 was a resident of Washington, with a position in the city postal service. His wife, Annie Hauley Houchen, died in 1916.

(7) Emma Luella Houchen, dau. of Lewis(6) was born Aug. 28, 1874. She married Reginald B. Looker, and their home was in Washington.

(7) Stanley Tanner Houchen, son of Lewis(6) was born Aug. 27, 1877. He lives (1930) in Washington, and is in the Internal Revenue Service. He married Lillian Cowsill, and they had a daughter, Dorothy Oakes, who married Fred Gerling. Later Stanley Houchen married Mary Mosher.

(7) Dorothy (Dolly) Houchen, dau. of Lewis(6) was born Mar. 15, 1880. She has a position with the Federal Trade Commission. Her husband, George Jackson Baxter, is deceased (1930) and her daughter, Ruth Miles Baxter, born Nov. 8, 1908, is a teacher in the Washington public schools.

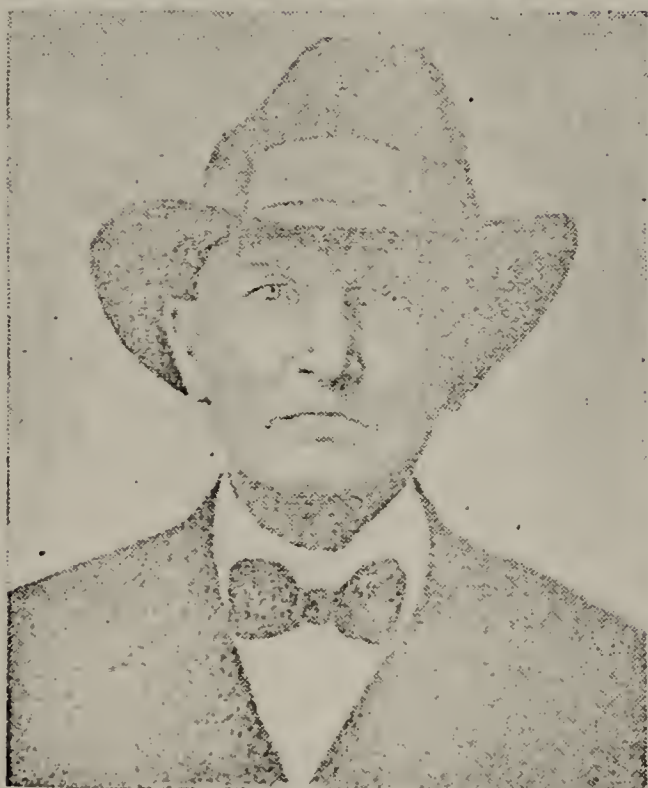
(7) Grace Houchen, dau. of Lewis(7) was born Mar. 3, 1884. She is a teacher at Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., (1932). She had earlier received her Master of Arts degree from this school.

(7) Harry Houchen, son of Lewis(6) was born May 6, 1886. His home is at Herndon, Va., where he has farming interests.

(6) William Jerome Houchen, son of Joseph(5) was born in Anderson county, Ky., Nov. 24, 1847. Soon after his mother's death he went to Indiana. As soon as he could get in the army he enlisted, and was mustered into Company A, 145th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, a drummer boy. He was discharged Jan. 21, 1865, just past seventeen years old, and returned home in a very sick and weakened condition. After regaining his health he entered Hartsville College and prepared himself for teaching. He taught in the Indiana schools for many years. Upon retirement he moved to Seymour, Ind., where he died in 1924. He was married to Stella Franklin, who preceded him in death. Having no children, he left his estate to the Christian Church of Seymour.







Henry A. Houchen and Family. Top - Homer and Amma Bottom - Hazel and Paul





(6) Henry Addison Houchen, son of Joseph(5) was born in Shelby county, Ky., Oct. 24, 1849. He remained at home and attended school in Kentucky until his father re-married, when he joined his brothers and sisters in Indiana. Here he entered college to prepare himself for the teaching profession. He taught for fifteen years in the public schools of Indiana, and at the time of his removal to Nebraska was principal of the Greenwood schools. Dec. 23, 1877, he was married to Ida May Belle McKane, daughter of John W. McKane, who lost his life at the siege of Vicksburg. Her mother was Lydia Chenoweth, a descendant of the Maryland Calverts. While yet living in Indiana, three children were born to this couple, Amma; Homer; and Ona, who died in infancy.

At the close of his school term in May of 1887 Henry Houchen went to Nebraska, and built a house on land near Beaver Crossing which he had acquired some seven years earlier. His family joined him in July. He was readily granted a teacher's certificate, and it was while teaching his first term in a country school in Nebraska there occurred a blizzard that has gone down in history as the worst storm ever to hit the middle west. The morning of the storm, as Mr. Houchen was leaving for school, it was snowing gently, and Mrs. Houchen jokingly admonished her husband not to come home if it "blizzarded", little thinking in reality that very thing would happen. But by mid-afternoon, with a steady increase of falling snow, the wind suddenly whipped to the north west with all the fury of a raging lion. It grew bitterly cold in an incredibly short time, and the air was so full of the newly fallen snow, it was impossible to see but a few feet away. Many perished, having only a short distance to go to reach safety could they only have found their way.

Henry Houchen, having heard of Nebraska blizzards, early recognized the danger to his pupils in allowing them to leave the school house. Consequently he kept them there over night, and by morning, when the storm had abated, they all found their ways safely home. Some children in other areas were not so fortunate. In attempting to reach home, they became lost and were either frozen to death, or suffered severely from exposure to the bitter cold.

Mrs. Houchen, at home with her two small children, also recognized the seriousness of the storm. Her fuel supply was at





some distance from the house, and realizing the necessity of an adequate amount for over night, she tied a long rope around her waist with the other end attached to the door knob. Thus assured of finding her way back, Mrs. Houchen ventured forth into the storm and secured sufficient fuel to keep the fire burning through the night. Morning dawned clear and cold, with snow piled high in mountainous drifts. When neighbors came to see how this family had weathered the storm, they found Mrs. Houchen trying to extricate the cow from a barn which was buried in a huge drift. Henry Houchen arrived home about noon.

They soon left the farm to move to Milford, Nebr., where Mr. Houchen taught for several years. Their next move took them to Friend, then back to the farm, which they soon afterwards sold. Moving into Beaver Crossing, Mr. Houchen took an active interest in church and community affairs. He was one of the early mayors of the town, and he and his wife were instrumental in the removal of the Christian Church from Walnut Creek to Beaver Crossing. They, with their eldest daughter, Amma, were charter members of the Church. A summation of the life of H. A. Houchen appeared in a Seward, Nebr., newspaper in 1924, a short time before his death, written by an old acquaintance. It follows:

### STORY OF PIONEER SEWARD COUNTY TEACHER

#### H. A. HOUCHEN, ONCE PROMINENT CITIZEN OF SEWARD COUNTY, NOW A HELPLESS CRIPPLE

By Henry Allen Brainerd

Lincoln, Nebr., Nov. 6, 1924—To the Editor: I am sending you a little story which perhaps might be of interest to some of the older members of your subscription list relative to one of the old school masters of Seward County, of nearly forty years ago, but now a resident of Lincoln.

I have just returned from a visit with H. A. Houchin, who with his family, moved from Indiana in 1887, and settled on a farm fourteen miles west of Milford, near Beaver Crossing.

Being of a literary turn of mind, and not over zealous of farm life, he turned his attentions to teaching, and in the fall of 1887 taught his first school in Nebraska in what was then known as the Foster school house, just north of Beaver Crossing.

He continued in this vocation for several years, and was an





earnest attendant upon the county teachers' association which met in Seward every year, and he always took an active part.

Shortly after this he moved to Milford where I was in close touch with him while I was connected with the Milford Nebraskan from 1883 to 1892, and he used to come into my office and we talked over the great issues of the day with considerable gusto, and as he was a well read man, these visitations always left me better off educationally and spiritually.

In the year 1909 he removed to Lincoln where he has since resided. A few years ago his health failed him, and he has been constantly drawn down with "erosion" (commonly known as hardening of the arteries) and now is a helpless cripple unable to rise without assistance, and unable to walk a step.

He has a daughter in Lincoln, and she devotes considerable of her time to her father's welfare. He also has other children, Dr. H. R. Houchin of Utica; Dr. Paul Houchin of Beaver Crossing, and Mrs. Hazel Wolfe, superintendent of the Hampton schools, where she has been the past five years, with two previous years at Phillips. But he dotes on his Lincoln daughter, Mrs. Amma McCormick, who visits him daily.

He married Miss Ida Mae McKane while teaching his first school in Medora, Indiana, in 1879, and has spent more than forty years of his life at that vocation, and now that he has arrived at his seventy-fifth birthday his heart is troubled, and he sits looking forward to that day when he shall pass unto his reward.

And when I look back upon those days when I first saw the light of Nebraska's sun rising in the east more than forty years ago, and have watched the lives of legion of my friends "snuffed out" and even at the most only a few remain, I can but sit and wonder and exclaim, "How long, O Lord, How Long".

Henry Addison Houchen died Jan. 15, 1925, and is buried in the Beaver Crossing Cemetery. His wife survived him almost twenty years, and remained active in church and community affairs. After a brief illness she passed away June 20, 1944. Burial was also in the Beaver Crossing Cemetery. Children were Amma B., Homer R., Ona Ethel; L. Hazel; Paul C.

(7) Amma Bertha Ruth Houchen, dau. of Henry (6) was born Sept. 18, 1878, in Pisgah, Ind., and came to Nebraska with her parents in 1887. She graduated from the Beaver Crossing high





school, and immediately began teaching in the county schools. She taught near Cordova and in Beaver Crossing until 1904, when she was married to Henry Eugene McCormick, contractor and builder. Their home is in Lincoln, Nebr., where Mrs. McCormick is active in club and social work. They are the parents of one son, Raymond Eugene.

(8) Raymond Eugene McCormick, son of Amma(7) was born Febr. 22, 1905, in Beaver Crossing, Nebr. When very small he moved with his parents to Lincoln, where he graduated from high school and Nebraska State University. He received his B. Sc. in 1927 and his M. A. degree in 1930. He took his work for his Ph. D. in Iowa State University in 1940. While at Nebraska U. he was trumpet soloist and captain of the University Band. He has taught in both high school and college, and during the war was in confidential government service in Washington. His fraternities are Sigma Phi Sigma and Phi Delta Kappa. He is married to Ruby Lynn, and their residence is Indianapolis where Mr. McCormick is in government service.

(7) Dr. Homer Roscoe Houchen, son of Henry(6) was born in Edinburg, Ind., Apr. 20, 1881, and came to Nebraska with his parents when six years old. After attending school in Milford and Beaver Crossing he entered Cotner College in Lincoln and Lincoln Medical College, Lincoln, Nebr., from where he received his M. D. in 1904. He took post graduate work in New York and entered the practice of medicine in Utica, Nebr., where he remained until his death Aug. 12, 1937. In addition to his doctors degree he was a registered optometrist and pharmacist. In connection with his practice he operated a drug store, which he built and equipped in 1913.

Dr. Houchen was prominent in professional, social and lodge activities, and was elected to membership in the Nebraskana Society, an organization of "men of achievement" in Nebraska. He was married to Elizabeth Jane Vanderhook in 1906, and five children were born to them, two dying in infancy. Surviving were Ervin; Homer; Wayne.

(8) Ervin Leslie Houchen, son of Homer(7) was born Jan. 25, 1908, in Utica, Nebr., and after graduation from high school attended the University of Nebraska for five years. He is an accomplished musician in both piano and wind instruments. While in the University he played first trumpet in the Univer-





sity Band. His fraternities are Omega Beta Pi and Phi Chi, and his hobby is flying. During World War II he was in the army and flew ferry and messenger service with a temporary rank of lieutenant. His wife is the former Kathryn Hill, and their residence is Lincoln, Nebr. Children are Tom, born Dec. 6, 1934, and Jack, born Dec. 27, 1938.

(8) Homer Roscoe Houchen, son of Homer(7) was born in Utica, Nebr., May 15, 1912. After graduation from high school he entered the University of Nebraska where he took up the study of law. While at the University he was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. During the last war he was in the armed services. He is married to Margaret Claridy, and their home is in Los Angeles. They have a daughter, Terry, born Aug. 12, 1945.

(8) Wayne Loren Houchen, son of Homer(7) was born Mar. 16, 1918, in Utica, Nebr. He was graduated from the Utica high school and attended Nebraska State University where he was a member of the University Band. Before World War II was declared Wayne enlisted, and was somewhere on the Pacific when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. His ship went on to Australia and he was stationed in the south Pacific sector during the entire period of the war. While in Australia he was married to Pearl Allen, an English girl of Australian birth, who was an officer in the women's army of Australia. Their home is in Los Angeles, and they have one child, a daughter, Yvonne Loreen, born Jan. 2, 1945.

(7) Lydia Hazel Houchen, dau. of Henry(6) was born Jan. 25, 1892, in Milford, Nebr. She was educated in the Beaver Crossing schools and the University of Nebraska, and taught in the schools of the state for several years. She was superintendent of the Phillips consolidated district and public schools for two years, and superintendent of the Hampton schools for twelve years. She is now head of the Play Learn Center, Lincoln, Nebr., and an authority on the psychology and management of children. She is the author of a series of lessons for the child of pre-school and kindergarten age. Her husband is William L. Wolfe, former superintendent of schools in Nebraska and instructor in Doane College. They are the parents of one daughter, Wilma Ruth, born Mar. 4, 1936. Wilma is a child of much talent. When but eight years of age she began writing poetry,





## TWO AMERICAN COUSINS AND THEIR ENGLISH COUSIN



Francis Edward Houchen



Wilma Ruth Wolfe



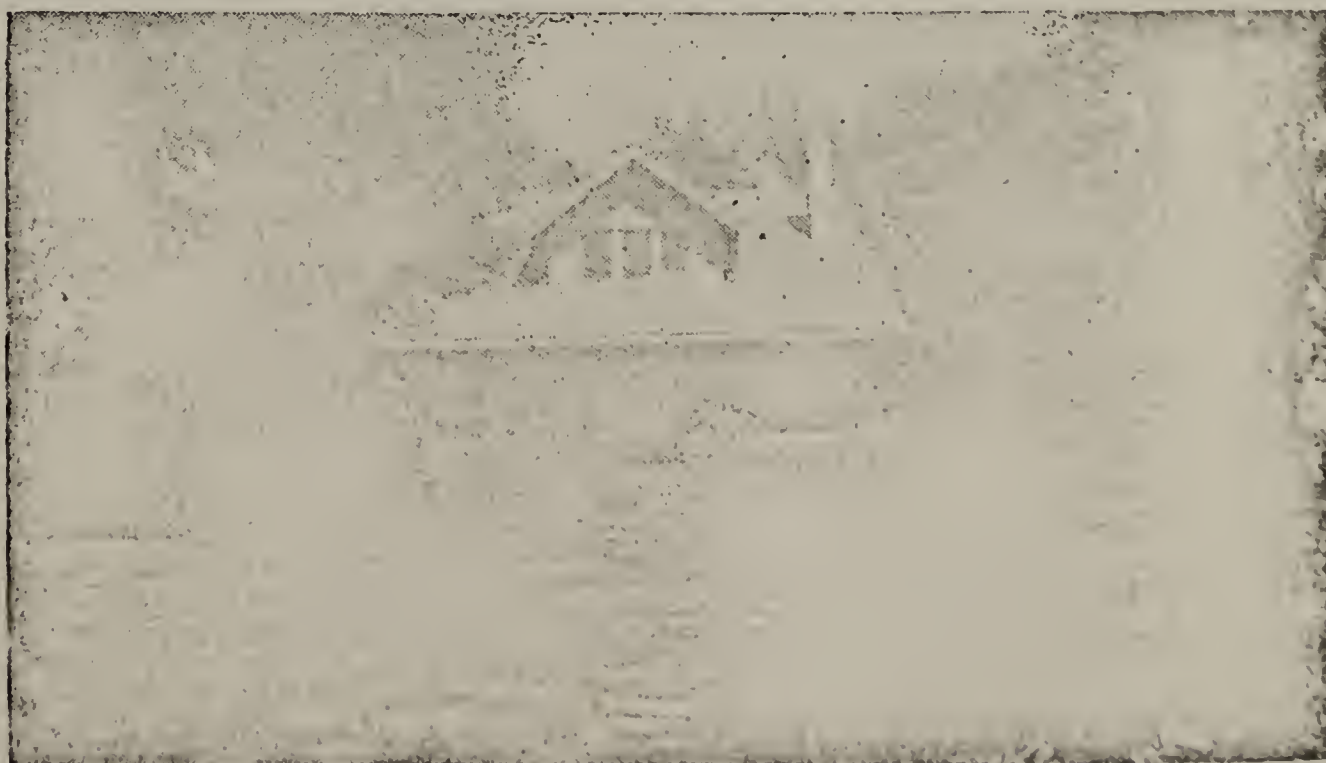
Lillas Houchin, above, is the daughter of Albert Edward Houchin of Dewsbury, England. She is twelve years old in above picture, and had been an accomplished roller skater since the age of five. She has passed the various dance and figure tests of the National Skating Ass'n, and has given many skating exhibitions in England and much of the continent. She is now married to Mr. J. T. McGrath, a former Royal Air Force Officer. Her brother was also a Flying Officer of the R. A. F.



and has appeared on radio and stage in readings and plays of her own composition. She had read all of Shakespeare's works by the time she was thirteen, and has written several plays of a distinctly Shakespearean flavor. She has had much training in music and dramatics, and has a bright future before her.

(7) Paul Cecil Houchen, son of Henry(6) was born in Beaver Crossing, Nebr., May 24, 1899. The following is condensed from a publication, "Who's Who in Nebraska": Educated Beaver Crossing high school 1917, and University of Nebraska, 1922, with degree of D. D. S., married Elizabeth Pearle Bye; past secretary board of education; past member of city council; captain U. S. A., officer in charge dental operations, Kansas district, C. C. C., in service World War; member American Legion, lodges, dental societies; deacon Christian Church; superintendent Sunday School; son, Francis Edward.

(8) Francis Edward Houchen, son of Paul(7) was born Sept. 10, 1933, in Beaver Crossing, Nebr. At the age of five years, following an illness of measles, pneumonia and scarlet fever, all within a period of two months, he developed rheumatic fever. For the next ten years he had alternating periods of bed rest and supervised exercise, play and school. His longest confinement to bed was for a year when he was twelve and a half years old. During the following winter he was allowed no visitors, and saw no one but his parents and his doctor. His mother was his



Residence of Dr. Paul C. Houchen, Beaver Crossing, Nebr.





constant companion and nurse. When he began to convalesce she also became his teacher. Francis was registered in the University of Nebraska high school extension service, and his mother appointed supervisor. In two years he made up three lost years, and when school opens in the fall he will have caught up with his former classmates.

(6) Luella Houchen, dau. of Joseph (5) was born in Anderson county, Ky., Dec. 17, 1855. At the age of eight, following the death of her mother, she went to live with her sister, Jane Roland, in Indiana. Here she was married to Mephodius W. Richards, whose sister, Amanda, had married Ella's brother, Lewis. They lived in Indiana where 'Fode' taught school until the early eighties when they moved to Lincoln, Nebr. During the six or seven years of their residence there Mr. Richards helped in the construction of the new capitol which was being built. From Lincoln they moved to Santa Barbara, Cal., where Mr. Richards died in 1926. Ella survived her husband fifteen years. She lived a quiet and peaceful life receiving her happiness from service to her family and her Lord. She died in 1941. Children were Lewis; Raymond; Verne; Pearl; Benjamin; Hazel; Angel, the last three dying in infancy.

(7) Lewis Livingston Richards, son of Ella (6) was born Sept. 12, 1878, in Indiana. He moved with his parents to Nebraska, and later California, where he was married to Myrtle Urene Loyd May 15, 1906. He was telegraph operator and assistant agent for the Santa Fe railroad at Fullerton, Cal., for several years. At present (1930) he is chief rate clerk, traffic dept., for the Shell Oil Co., and lives at Alameda, Cal. Children are Ella Beatrice, born May 16, 1907, and married to Allen Jones; Clara Evangeline, born Sept. 20, 1911, a teacher in the California public schools.

(7) Verne Clyde Richards, son of Ella (6) was born July 7, 1880, and was killed in a planing mill accident June 2, 1917. He was married to Dora Jennings, and children were Dorothy and Hubert. Hubert married Miss Sexton, and Dorothy married Mr. Ruffner. The latter couple have a daughter, Betty Jean.

(7) Wesley Raymond Richards, son of Ella (6) was born Aug. 2, 1882. He is in the plumbing business and is married to Nellie Drennon.

(7) Mable Pearl Richards, dau. of Ella (6) was born June 17,





1884. She married W. R. Begg, bank cashier, of Santa Barbara. Mrs. Begg is a musician, who in the early days of radio, appeared on California stations. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Begg were three children, Richard, Edgar and Maxine. Richard is married to Joy Collins, and they have one child; Edgar, a law student in Salem, Ore., was killed in an automobile accident in 1931; Maxine, age twelve, (1931) is at home in Santa Barbara.

(7) Benjamin Harrison Richards, son of Ella(6) was born July 14, 1888. He lives in Pomona, Cal. (1931). Under Luella(6), in listing her children, it is erroneously stated that the last three named died in infancy. It was the last two named who died in infancy.

(5) James Henry Houchens, son of Jesse(4) was born in Virginia in 1810. He came as an infant to Kentucky, and at the age of twenty-six emigrated to Missouri, taking up land in Boone and Randolph counties. He married Nancy Neale in 1836, and they built their home in Boone county where they lived until the time of the Civil War. During those dark days of the early sixties when everyone's loyalty was being tested, James Houchens was required to sign an oath of allegiance to the federal government. This he refused to do, and as a consequence, was thrown into prison at Alton, Ill. Friends and relatives appealed his case to authorities in Washington with the result that he was ordered released and his fine of \$2,000 be reduced to \$200. Later the \$200 fine was cancelled. Mr. Houchens brooded over this episode for eight years, when finally in July of 1871 he died by his own hand. His wife, who was born in 1814, survived him many years. They now lie side by side in Randolph county, Mo., on the farm which they had acquired when starting life together many years before. Children were Sarah Elizabeth; Susan Agness; James Jesse; Mary Ann; Lucy; Samuel Peter; Nancy.

(6) Sarah Elizabeth Houchens, dau. James(5) was born in Boone county, Mo., in 1837. She was married to William Neal in 1859, and died Febr. 26, 1888. She was a devout christian woman, and it is said that to have known her was to have loved her. Her husband died in 1863. Children were Nancy Ellen and Bettie.

(7) Nancy Ellen Neal, dau. of Sarah(6) was born in Boone county, Mo., May 30, 1860. She married John A. Hamilton





Aug. 28, 1879, and died in Randolph county Dec. 28, 1906. Children were James Henry; Frances Elizabeth; Samuel Newton; Susan Agness, born July 5, 1890, and died young; Charles.

(8) James Henry Hamilton, son of Nancy(7) was born May 23, 1880, in Randolph county, Mo. He was married to Addie Sarton who died in 1912. They had two children, Mary Belle and William Clenton. Mr. Hamilton later married his cousin, Eva Mae Houchens. They live (1930) on a farm between Columbia and Sturgeon, Mo.

(8) Frances Elizabeth Hamilton, dau. of Nancy(7) was born Aug. 17, 1883. She married Ira Lewis, and their children are Henry; Earl; Flossie, married Mr. White; Edgar; Fred; Belva.

(8) Samuel Newton Hamilton, son of Nancy(7) was born Jan. 10, 1888, and married Maude Vogelreich. Children are Jerome S. and Lois Betty.

(8) Charles Brown Hamilton, son of Nancy(7) was born Oct. 4, 1893, and married Mabel Blaisdell. He died Dec. 25, 1929, leaving one daughter, Shirley Mae.

(7) Bettie Neal, dau. of Sarah(6) was born in Boone county, Mo. She married William Davis, soon after which they moved to near Blue Jacket, Okla. Their children are Elizabeth; Bessie; William.

(6) Susan Agness Houchens, dau. of James(5) was born in April of 1839, in Boone county, and died Apr. 25, 1914, in Randolph county, Mo. She was never married, remaining at home to be a companion to her widowed mother.

(6) James Jesse Houchens, son of James(5) was born Mar. 10, 1842, in Boone county, Mo. He was a Confederate soldier, being a member of Col. Kale Perkins' Bn., Co. F, George Roland captain, Tom Wade and Bill Frost, lieutenants. This outfit was re-organized at Camp Magruder in Dec. 1864 and became officially known as the Ninth Regiment, Missouri Inf., C. S. A. It was surrendered at Shreveport in May of 1865. On his return home Jesse was married to Permelia Agness Peacher by "Uncle Jimmie" Barnes, the same preacher who had married his parents twenty-nine years earlier. J. J. Houchens was a deacon in the Missionary Baptist Church for over forty years, and he always had family worship. He never missed his church meetings, or the association, unless prevented by sickness. In 1919, while on his way to town with a load of wheat, he was thrown





from the wagon, and died July ninth as a result of the injury received. Following his death his wife sold their farm and moved to Sturgeon, where she lives (1930) in company with her daughter, Lena. Other children were Nancy Annie; Cordelia Agness; James Willard; Eva Mae.

(7) Nancy Annie Houchens, dau. of James Jesse(6) was born in Randolph county, Mo., Dec. 4, 1866, and died near Evansville, Mo., Jan. 15, 1931. She was married to Thomas Mills Embree Febr. 10, 1884, in Audrain county. Soon after their marriage they moved to Monroe county where they lived to the time of their deaths. Children were Edward C., Jessie Maude; Berta Lee; Samuel O., Earl Daniel; Bessie, the last two dying young.

(8) Edward Cleveland Embree, son of Nancy(7) was born Jan. 13, 1885, in Audrain county, Mo. He married Mildred Evelyn Brewer Dec. 21, 1929, and they live in Moberly, Mo.

(8) Berta Lee Embree, dau. of Nancy(7) was born in Monroe county, Mo., Oct. 8, 1889, and married Archie Mathias Casteel Nov. 12, 1912, in North Dakota. In 1930 they were residents of Hopkinton, Ia. They have six children.

(8) Samuel Omar Embree, son of Nancy(7) was born Jan. 11, 1891, in Monroe county, Mo., and married Christopher Irene Newman Jan. 11, 1917. Their home is in Moberly, and they are the parents of four boys and one girl.

(7) Lena Leota Houchens, dau. of James Jesse(6) was born Apr. 5, 1869, in Boone county, Mo. She has devoted her entire life to her parents, and now (1930) lives with her mother in Sturgeon.

(7) Cordelia Agness Houchens, dau. of James J.(6) was born Apr. 7, 1871, in Randolph county, Mo., and married Kenneth Taylor Aug. 9, 1894. She died in Audrain county July 11, 1908.

(7) James Willard Houchens, son of James Jesse(6) was born Jan. 5, 1873, in Randolph county, and died July 26, 1911. He was married to Nora Annie Davis Dec. 26, 1894, and children were Irvin Kenneth, born Mar. 17, 1896; Artie Agness, who married Ray Hunt; Jessie Mae; and Nannie Lee, who married Harry Polson.

(7) Eva Mae Houchens, dau. of James Jesse(6) was born in Linn county, Mo., Dec. 24, 1875. She lived at home until after the death of her father because she had promised him that she





would not marry as long as he lived. On Febr. 17, 1920, she was married to James H. Hamilton. (See page 136.) Mr. Hamilton's father lived with them from the time of their marriage until his death Dec. 28, 1930. He was an invalid confined to his bed much of that time. The Hamiltons live on a farm near Sturgeon.

(6) Mary Ann Houchens, dau. of James(5) was born Oct. 3, 1847, in Boone county, Mo., and married James B. Forbis July 26, 1866. She died May 22, 1917. Children were William L., Nathan O., Lurenza D., James Luther; George L., Ira D., Edgar; Everett M. James, born Jan. 31, 1874, went to California about 1900, and nothing further is known of him.

(7) William L. Forbis, son of Mary Ann(6) was born July 7, 1868, and died about 1920. He married Maggie Tolson, and one son is Joshua, who lives in Moberly.

(7) Nathan O. Forbis, son of Mary Ann(6) was born Jan. 7, 1869, and married Millie Tillie Dec. 24, 1896, in Florida. They now (1929) live near Centralia, Mo., and have two children, Merle, born Jan. 22, 1913, and Mildred, born Jan. 26, 1917.

(7) Lurenza Dow Forbis, son of Mary Ann(6) was born Sept. 25, 1871. He married Mollie Osbin, and they live in Randolph county, Mo. Children are Boyd; Opal Mae; Marvin; William Martin; Jessie Helen; Mary Ellen.

(7) George Lee Forbis, son of Mary Ann(6) was born Nov. 26, 1878, in Boone county, and married Sallie McDonald Nov. 26, 1902. He died in Kansas City Mar. 23, 1904.

(7) Ira O. Forbis, son of Mary Ann(6) was born Oct. 29, 1880, and married Nellie Lewellen Nov. 26, 1902. They live near St. Louis, and have three children, Myrtle, who married Mr. Egley; Bessie; and Arthur.

(7) Edgar D. Forbis, son of Mary Ann(6) was born June 3, 1883. He married Maude Hopson, and they live in Moberly. Children are Mildred and Thelma.

(7) Everett May Forbis, son of Mary Ann(6) was born Dec. 19, 1885. He is a painter living in Columbia.

(6) Lucy Houchens, dau. of James(5) was born in 1844 in Boone county, and married William Forbis, brother of her sister's husband, James. Lucy died in 1918, leaving three children, Marion; George; Brooksey.

(7) Marion Forbis, son of Lucy(6) married Mary Sherron, and had a son, Charles. He married Edith Meade, and they





have four children.

(7) George Forbis, son of Lucy(6) was born Mar. 31. 1881. He was married in 1900 to Emma Gipson. They have one child.

(7) Brooksey Forbis, child of Lucy(6) married Cecil Ronamus. Their children are Helen; Anna Frances; Sarah Elizabeth.

(6) Nancy Catherine Houchens, dau. of James(5) was born in Boone county, Mo., in 1850. She married Jack Barnes, and they moved to Arkansas. Children were Matthew; Ellen; and Samuel, all of Sulphur Springs.

(6) Samuel Peter Houchens, son of James(5) was born May 8, 1855, in Boone county, Mo., and died in Randolph county April 4, 1931. He was married to Almyra Dennis in 1915. They lived near Higbee, and were engaged in farming and stock raising.



William Stuart Houtchens

(5) William Stuart Houtchens, son of Jesse(4) was born in Jessamine county, Ky., in 1814, and died in Nelson county, Ky., July 20, 1872. He was a large land holder in Nelson county, and a man much admired and respected. Squire Houtchens, as he was called, was a breeder of fine horses, and amassed a considerable fortune in this enterprise. He narrowly escaped death as a babe, it is said, when he fell into the flames of the fire place. He was snatched from the fire by his mother, but not before he was severely burned. He carried marks of the burns on his legs the rest of his life. In 1837 he was married to Eliza Medley, daughter of Reuben and Mildred Willis Medley. To them were born Charles Fletcher; Susan Mildred; Margaret Jane; George Medley; Willis; and Pierce, who died in infancy. The wife and mother, Eliza, died May 5, 1853, and William married secondly Mary Ann Huston, and to them were born Samuel Alexander; Emma; Thomas Elliott; Ida; Nancy. Mary Ann Houtchens died May 7, 1892.

(6) Charles Fletcher Houtchens, son of Wm.(5) was born in Nelson county, Ky., Nov. 9, 1838, and died at Stronghurst, Ill.,





July 29, 1903. He was married to Malinda Sutherland who was born in Kentucky May 11, 1838, and who died at Stronghurst Dec. 1, 1888. They moved to Illinois about 1880, and settled on a farm near Stronghurst where many of their descendants yet reside. Children were William; Laura; James; Charles Hardin, born Mar. 17, 1860, and died young; Sarah (Sallie); Mary; Elijah; George; Fletcher. After the death of his wife Charles married secondly Retta Tingle, and their children were Maude; Effie; Hattie; Ollie; Roy. Maude married Mr. Justice, and lives in Biggsville, Ill. Effie married Mr. Rowe, and lives at Hammond, Ind. They have three children, Doris; Vivian; Bud; and one granddaughter, Shirley Cunningham. Hattie married Mr. Black, and they also live at Hammond. Their children are Charles and Mildred. Ollie married Mr. Sawyer, and lives at Stronghurst; children are Robert and Ilienue. Roy married Elizabeth Coates, and lives in Toronto, Kans., all as of 1931.

(7) William Allen Houtchens, son of Chas.(6) was born in Nelson county, Ky., Nov. 21, 1858. Soon after his marriage to Mary Sutherland they moved to Spokane, Wash., where he died Apr. 12, 1912. Children are Charles and Mabel.

(7) Laura Bell Houtchens, dau. of Chas.(6) was born Mar. 17, 1860. She came to Stronghurst with her parents about 1880, later moving to Olney, Ill., where she died.

(7) James Thomas Houtchens, son of Chas.(6) was born in Nelson county, Ky., May 21, 1862, and died at Stronghurst, Ill., Aug. 21, 1903. His children were Ervin, who married Edna Hardesty, and who lives in Roseville, Ill., E. Houtchens, who married Mabel Van Doren, and lives at Raritan, Ill., Glen, who married Rhea Williams, and lives at Kewanee, Ill.

(7) Elijah Davis Houtchens, son of Chas.(6) was born Oct. 29, 1869, in Nelson county, Ky., and died Apr. 11, 1900, at Stronghurst, Ill. He married Erma Links, and children were Fay, Monmouth, Ill., Ray, Macomb, Ill., and Fern of Chicago.

(7) Sarah Houtchens, dau. of Chas.(6) born in Kentucky Dec. 8, 1865, died at Raritan, Ill., Dec. 24, 1921. She was married to Hugh Wood.

(7) Mary S. Houtchens, dau. of Chas.(6) was born in Nelson county, Ky., Nov. 6, 1867. She married Tobe Butler and lives (1930) in Stronghurst, Ill. Children were Floyd Lee, who died in 1893; Harold E., who married Eulalie Hicks in 1929. She died





at Macomb, Ill., in February of 1931.

(7) George L. Houtchens, son of Chas.(6) was born June 1, 1872, in Nelson county, Ky. He married Myrtle Robinson, and they live in Carthage, Ill.

(7) Fletcher Medley Houtchens, son of Chas.(6) was born Sept. 4, 1879. He married Iva Lee Landis of Great Falls, Mont., and in 1931 lived at Missoula. They have twin sons, Charles Carlos and Fletcher Dale.

The following names of great-grandchildren of Charles Fletcher Houtchens were sent in, but parents' names not given: Nannie; Janie; Wendell; Lila; Jean; Lucille; James; Wilma.

(6) Susan Mildred Houtchens, dau. of Wm.(5) was born in 1841 in Nelson county, Ky., and died Dec. 29, 1915, in Lexington, Ky. She was married in 1860 to Dr. Thompson Ware Bedford, and to them were born Samuel Wible; Ella Stuart; Willis Heber; Hattie Orian; Henry Ware; Maude. The latter died at about the age of twelve with whooping cough.

(7) Samuel Wible Bedford, son of Mildred(6) was born Dec. 7, 1861, in Centerville, Ky., and died Febr. 19, 1916, in Lexington. He was married Nov. 14, 1889, to Winifred Howden, of Martin, Tenn., and to them were born Kernan and James.

(8) Kernan Bedford, son of Sam(7) was born Aug. 6, 1890, in Kentucky, and was married to Marian M. Harrison of Owensboro, Ky. They now (1931) live in Akron, Ohio, and have two children, Nancy, born Apr. 5, 1918, and James Magruder, born Febr. 26, 1929.

(8) James Bowden Bedford, son of Sam(7) was born Aug. 23, 1898. He married Ella Peterson of Minneapolis, and in 1930 lived in Detroit.

(7) Ella Stuart Bedford, dau. of Susan(6) was born in 1863, and died in 1908 in Nelson county. She married Joseph Magee of Bardstown, Ky., and they had one son, John Bedford, born June 1898. He is a graduate of Center College, Danville, Ky.

(7) Willis Heber Bedford, son of Susan(6) was born in 1872, and died in 1929 in Dayton, Ohio. He married Lillian Martin of Louisville, and children were Jack Thompson, born 1901 in Owensboro, Ky., a sailor in the first World War; Arthur James, born in Owensboro 1902, and Dorothy, born 1906 in Lebanon, Ky. She was married to Frank Dawson in 1930. Willis Bedford married secondly Virginia Creel of Lebanon. They had one





daughter, Betty, born in 1920.

(7) Hattie Orian Bedford, dau. of Susan(6) was born in 1877 and died in 1925. She married E. Burton Williams of Nelson county, after which they soon moved to Greeley, Colo. They lived there until the latter years of their lives. Their deaths occurred in Kansas City, and both are interred in Chaplin, Ky. Children were Mildred; Mary; Charles; Burton, born 1911 and died 1913; Doris; Katherine; Nancy.

(8) Mildred Williams, dau. of Hattie(7) was born in 1896 in Nelson county, Ky., and died in Greeley in 1919. She was married to Edward Moody and they had one child, Billie Burton.

(8) Mary Willis Williams, dau. of Hattie(7) was born in 1900. She married Elbert Tyler Tannelley, and their home is in Tulsa, Okla. Their child is Elbert Tyler, Jr.

(8) Charles Lewis Williams, son of Hattie(7) was born in 1903. He married Mary Jo Williams in 1931, and lives in Seminole, Okla.

(8) Doris Bedford Williams, dau. of Hattie(7) was born in 1914 in Greeley, and graduated from high school in Tulsa, Okla., in 1931.

(8) Katherine Elizabeth Williams, dau. of Hattie(7) was born in 1916. She is (1931) a junior in high school in Tulsa, and recently scored the highest of any Tulsa student in an I. Q. test. Her sister, Nancy Williams, born 1918, is also in school in Tulsa.

(7) Henry Ware Bedford, son of Susan(6) was born July 9, 1860, in Davies county, Ky., and died Apr. 20, 1931, in Louisville. He is buried in the Chaplin, Ky., cemetery. His wife was Bertie Rowland of Chaplin. One child, Christine Medley, was born to them. She married Frank Wigglesworth of Cynthiana, Ky., and their home is in Chicago. One child is Frank C.

(6) Margaret Jane (Hattie) Houtchens, dau. of Wm.(5) was born Oct. 23, 1844, in Nelson county, Ky., near Chaplin. Sept. 23 1862, she married John Milton Neale (born July 23, 1836). They lived near the boundary line of Fayette and Woodford counties, Ky., until their removal to Good Hope, Ill., where they lived the remainder of their lives. Hattie was a member of the Methodist church, and a devout christian woman. Children were Mary S., Hattie M., Anna F., Preston S., Robert W., Susan E., Charles H., Thomas Arthur; Milton Hughes. Thomas was





born July 1, 1879, and died Febr. 23, 1899; Milton was born May 27 1882, and died Sept. 2, 1896.

(7) Mary Selena Neale, dau. of (Hattie) Margaret(6) was born June 22, 1865, and died Mar. 2, 1907. She married Everett E. Cooksey of Bloomington, Ill., Febr. 25, 1886, and children were Charles L., of Chicago; Willis Mae, Bloomington; William Everett, born Apr. 1894, died Febr. 1, 1914.

(7) Hattie Medley Neale, dau. of Hattie(6) was born Apr. 24, 1867, and died Nov. 9, 1925. She married Francis L. Bolton of Bloomington, Ill., Febr. 13, 1889. Their children were John W., of Chicago; Jessie E., who married J. T. Picketts, and lives in Akron; J. Russell, of Tuscon, Ariz.

(7) Anna Fletcher Neale, dau. of Hattie(6) was born Nov. 17, 1869. She married William A. Baker, postmaster at Good Hope, Ill., Febr. 23, 1901. They have one child, Anna Frances, born Apr. 13, 1902.

(7) Preston Stuart Neale, son of Hattie(6) was born Febr. 2, 1872. He married Anna Nave of Wilmore, Ky., Dec. 29, 1898. He is in the real estate business (1931) in Lexington. One child is Ruth Preston, who married George Rose. Their children are Andrew Preston and Georgeanna.

(7) Robert Willis Neale, son of Hattie(6) was born Aug. 14, 1874, and died Aug. 30, 1921. He married Mary Beckner Dec. 6, 1905, and one son is Herman, who lives at Bristow, Okla.

(7) Susan Ellen Neale, dau. of Hattie(6) was born Febr. 16, 1877. She was a school teacher, and former post mistress at Good Hope, her present (1931) residence.

(7) Charles Houtchens Neale, son of Hattie(6) was born Aug. 8, 1886, and married Nettie A. Gross Dec. 8, 1915. Their home is in Lawrence, Mich. Two children are Mary Ellen and Buddy.

(6) George Medley Houtchens, son of Wm.(5) was born in Nelson county, Ky., in 1847. He lived his entire life in Kentucky with the exception of a few years spent in Colorado where he had the misfortune to lose part of his right hand in an accident. He was married to Susie Ragan, and their four children were Samuel Elliott, who has a son, Jack Medley; Charles Fletcher, who has a son, Don E., George William; Catherine.

(6) Willis Houtchens, dau. of Wm.(6) was born in Nelson county, Ky., about 1850, and married William Rufus Roby of





Bardstown, who was the jailer there for many years. Their children were Claude; Will; Earl.

(7) Claude Roby, dau. of Willis(6) married Will Beeler of Bardstown. Children were Lucille; and Evelyn, who married Howard Lampkin of Buffalo, N. Y. Following the death of Will, Mrs. Beeler married Dr. John Wells. They have one daughter, Gladys.

(7) Will Roby, son of Willis(6) married Kate Cotton. He was county clerk of Nelson county for several years. Children were Charles Woodson; Winston; Jim Cotton; William Earl. Charles, deputy clerk in his father's office, married Emily Spaulding, and children are Kitty Cotton and Mary Spaulding. William married Eva Sutherland of Chaplin, and their son, Allen Barkhurst, graduated from Annapolis in 1930.

(6) Nancy Houtchens, dau. of Wm.(5) was born in Nelson county, and married Rev. J. M. Mathews, a Methodist minister of Nicholasville, Ky. In 1947 Mrs. Mathews was living in Chaplin, Ky. Children were Mary Elliott and Joseph J., a graduate of Duke University, where he also took his Masters degree. In 1931 he was teaching in the University at Chattanooga, Tenn.

(6) Ida Houtchens, dau. of Wm(5) never married, but she raised her niece, Jennette Dawson, her sister, Emma's, daughter.

(6) Emma Houtchens, dau. of Wm.(5) married John Dawson of Bloomfield, Ky., and their child was Jennette, who was reared by her aunt, Emma Houtchens. Jennette married Clyde Brown of Bloomington, and they have one child, Emily Frances.

(6) Samuel Alexander Houtchens, son of Wm.(5) was born in Nelson county, Ky., and lived there to the time of his death in 1910. He was an active worker in the Methodist church at Chaplin, and with his brother, Thomas Elliott, furnished funds for the rebuilding of the church and parsonage. It was not until the completion of these two edifices that he built for himself a new house, which he called "Highland Home", and which stands today as a monument to his love for home and family. In 1882 he was married to Cordelia Williams of Taylorsville, who died in 1940. Children were Ora Pickett; William Edward; Stella Elliott; Samuel Alexander; Lawrence Huston. Ora is an accomplished musician, and has instructed in music in Chaplin for a number of years. She lives at Highland Home.

(7) William Edward Houtchens, son of Sam(6) was born in





## TWO "OLD KENTUCKY HOMES"



Upper---Winter at Highland Home, Residence of the late Samuel A. Houtchens  
Lower---Home of Thomas Elliott Houtchens. Both are located near Chaplin, Ky.





Nelson county, Ky. He is a graduate of Millersburg Military Institute, and was in the army during the disturbance along the Mexican Border in 1914. He is married, and the father of three sons, William Lawrence; Douglas; Coleman.

(7)Stella Elliott Houtchens, dau. of Sam(6) graduated from Millersburg College, and married Brooker McClaskey of Bloomfield. Children are Nancy Carolyn, and Brooker, an ex-soldier with several years over seas duty in World War II. He teaches in the Chaplin public schools, is married and has one child.

(7)Samuel Alexander Houtchens, son of Sam(6) is married and is manager of the old family farm, Highland Home.

(7)Lawrence Huston Houtchens, son of Sam(6) is teaching (1930) in Bethany College, Kansas. He attended the University of Michigan where he received his A. B. degree, and Cornell University, where he received both his M. A. and Ph. D. degrees.

(6)Thomas Elliott Houtchens, son of Wm.(5) was born in Nelson county, Ky., and died near Chaplin, same county, in 1910. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and was the brother who helped Sam furnish funds to rebuild the church into a modern brick structure at Chaplin. At the time of his death his pastor, J. W. Jackson, said of him, "He was converted when a young man. At his mother's home on this good day he built a family altar which has stood until now. His face was the mirror of his soul. His face was honest and intelligent, and although much in business, he was not commercialized; his affairs were secondary to the Kingdom." T. E. Houtchens was married to Irma Smith of Louisville, and to them were born four daughters, Mary Gladys; Julia Ray; Frances, who married Mr. King, and lives in Chicago; and Elliott in school at the University of Louisville (1930). Mary Gladys married Hayden Igleheart, and lives (1930) in Shelbyville, Ky. Children are Hayden; Elliott Houtchens; Teddy. Julia Ray married Mr. Isles of Indianapolis, and they have two children, Nancy and a baby boy (1930).

(5)Joyce Houchins, dau. of Jesse(4) was born in Jessamine county, Ky., in 1815. She was married to John Cook in Anderson county, Ky., Jan. 21, 1834. In 1842 they moved to Boone county, Mo., where they lived for thirty years, then moved on to Pottsboro, Tex., to remain there the rest of their lives. Born to them were eleven children, James William; John, born 1843;





Joseph Dudley, born 1836; Nancy, born 1839, married Joseph Brumfield; Mary, born 1841; Martha Alice; Elizabeth, married first John Roland, second Mr. Rummond; Margaret; Robert, married a Brundage girl; George W., born 1850; Thomas.

(6) James William Cook, son of Joyce(5) was born Nov. 11, 1834, in Anderson county, Ky., and married Margaret Goins Jan. 15, 1857. He died Dec. 14, 1893. His wife, age ninety-five, still lives (1929) in Boone county, Mo., not far from Sturgeon. Children were Ella; Julia; Mary Martha; William Archie; John T., Nettie Elizabeth; Ebb; George G., Omar; James Franklin, who was born Febr. 6, 1864. Julia died in 1906; Ella, born Oct. 10, 1857, married Mr. Brundage in 1876, died in December of 1910. Nettie Elizabeth was born Oct. 9, 1866, and married D. B. Roberts; Ebb was never married; Omar was born Dec. 8, 1878, and died Jan. 3, 1897.

(7) George G. Cook, son of James(6) was born in 1866, and married Sarah Prather in 1886. They are farmers living in Boone county, Mo., and it is with them that Margaret Goins Cook lives. Children are Susan, who married Mr. Flemming; Thomas, married an Ellis girl; Nellie married Mr. Wilhite; Hubert married Miss Clark; Gilbert and Eva Lena, unmarried.

(7) John T. Cook, son of James(6) was born in 1864, and married a Miss Melvin. Children were James; Aubry; Sophia; Bertha.

(7) William Archie Cook, son of James(6) was born July 11, 1861, and married a Miss Loyd. Children were Bertha; Ray, who married a Miss West; Charles, who married a Forbis girl; Lethia, who married Mr. Walker; Mary; Dan; James; Herman.

(7) Mary Martha Cook, dau. of James(6) was born in 1859. She married George White in 1877, and lives (1929) in Moberly, Mo. Children are Odie; Archie, married Miss Ellis; Melvin, married Miss Jacobs; Frank.

(6) Martha Alice Cook, dau. of Joyce(5) married Jack Barnes and moved to Arkansas. Children were Julia; Luther; John; Leonard.

(5) John Mason Houchens, son of Jesse(4) was born in 1822 in Jessamine county, Ky., and died in Sturgeon, Mo., in 1880. He was married in 1839 to Elizabeth (?) and in 1842 moved to Boone county, Mo. During the latter days of the Civil War John Houchens saved his brother, Jesse, from a gang of Bush-





whackers, and took him under protection until the close of the war. Several years after moving to Missouri John's wife died, and he married Nancy Neal. They had no children, but by his earlier marriage children were James Henry; William Thomas; Mary Martha; Lucy Jane; Anna Elizabeth; John J.

(6) William Thomas Houchens, son of John(5) was born Oct. 31, 1841. He was a Confederate soldier in the command of General Price, and spent the last days of his life in the Confederate Soldiers' Home, Little Rock, Ark. He was married to a Miss Barnett soon after the close of the war, and died at the age of ninety-five. There were no children.

(6) Mary Martha Houchens, dau. of John(5) was born Jan. 27, 1849, at Sturgeon, Mo. She married Mr. Hukill, and they soon moved to Texas. She was the mother of thirteen children, three of whom were living in 1930: Calvin G., born July 25, 1866; John W., born Mar. 7, 1871; Brinsley C., born Oct. 23, 1879. All live near Littlefield, Tex.

(6) James Henry Houchens, son of John(5) was born May 7, 1844, in Boone county, Mo. He was a Confederate soldier in the command of Gen. Price. The War Department has no complete muster rolls of the Confederate Armies, but did submit the following record of James Houchens: "James Houchens, a private in Company F, Perkins Battalion, Missouri Infantry, Confederate States Army, was admitted to Confederate States Army Hospital, Shreveport, Louisiana, June 7, 1865, by reason of Debilitas. He was surrendered by General E. K. Smith, C. S. A., May 26, 1865, and paroled at Alexandria, Louisiana, June 7, 1865. His residence is shown as Boone County, Missouri." James Houchens was married Febr. 27, 1868, to Sarah M. Green by the Rev. J. S. Parmer. Children were Rufus Marion, born Nov. 11, 1868; John Emmett, born Nov. 24, 1870; James Monroe, born July 23, 1873, all in Boone county; Charles William, born in Schuyler county, Mo., near Downing, May 23, 1876. The latter is an ordained minister of the Christian Church, and lives in Denver, Colo. (1930). He has established two Christian churches in Denver's suburbs, one at Edgewater and the other in Aurora. He is at present (1930) pastor of the Trenton Street Christian Church. His children are James Henry, born 1908; Jessie Mae, born 1911; Bena, born 1914.

Following the death of his wife, Sarah, about 1878, James





Henry Houchens married again. He is now (1931) living with his daughter, Lucy McConnell, in Stuttgart, Ark., age eighty-seven years and of good health and mind. Children of his last marriage were Eugene Baker, born Mar. 7, 1881; Mary Martha, born Mar. 18, 1883; Lucy Bell, born Jan. 16, 1885; Henry Verne, born Sept. 22, 1886; Guy, born Aug. 3, 1888; William Thomas, born Mar. 6, 1891; Arthur Silas, born Febr. 3, 1893, all in Schuyler county, Mo.

(6) Lucy Jane Houchens, dau. of John(5) was born in Boone county in 1845, and lived near Sturgeon all her life.

(6) Anna Elizabeth Houchens, dau. of John(5) was born in 1847. She married Press Vance, and had a daughter who married Jack Barnes and lives (1930) at Sweet Springs, Ark.

(5) Robert Mansfield Houtchens, son of Jesse(4) was born in Jessamine county, Ky., Apr. 14, 1819, and died Aug. 1, 1868, in Nelson county, Ky. He was married to Elizabeth Sapington in 1842. She was born Apr. 28, 1824, and died May 27, 1866. They lived in Anderson county, Ky., for about fifteen years after their marriage, and here eight of their thirteen children were born. They then moved to Nelson county near where his brother, William, lived. Both Robert Houtchens and his wife died before they attained the age of fifty years. They were survived by eleven children, two, Christopher and F. C., dying in infancy. The first Christopher was born Sept. 30, 1848, and F. C. was born Oct. 8, 1864. Living were James Sylvester; Susan Jane; James William, born Apr. 16, 1847, married Mary Ellen Woodside, and died 1908; Mary Elizabeth; Margaret Ellen, born Nov. 24, 1851, married Joseph Sweasey, died 1884; George Francis; Samuel Robert; Amanda Catherine; Joseph Harrison; Christopher Thomas; Robert Pope.

(6) James Sylvester Houtchens, son of Robt.(5) was born in Anderson county, Ky., Sept. 24, 1843. He was married to Elizabeth Bond, and children were James Edward; Fred; Clifton; Lilly; Stella; Harry; Cleveland; Lawrence; Grace.

(6) Susan Jane Houtchens, dau. of Robt.(5) was born Apr. 2, 1845, and was married to James Cox. To them were born Robert Lee; John Cresely; Jep, all of Chaplin. Ky.

(6) Mary Elizabeth Houtchens, dau. of Robt.(5) was born May 3, 1850. She married John Cheatham, and children were Lee of Chaplin; Elizabeth; Ida.





(6) George Francis Houtchens, son of Robt.(5) was born July 26, 1853. Soon after the death of his father he went to Illinois to live with relatives. Here he remained until about 1900 when he moved to Colorado. He now (1930) owns a half section of fine farm land south of Wray, Colo., on which he lives with his son, Ralph. Other children are Lillian Ellen; Luther Alexander; Eunice Elizabeth; George Robert; Charles Henry; Roe Mansfield. Luther was born in 1880 and died the next year. Roe was born in 1899, and died in 1927.

(7) Lillie Ellen Houtchens, dau. of Geo.(6) was born in Illinois in 1879. She married Alvin P. Parker, and in 1930 was living near Denver. Children were Paul Houtchens; Carl F., Lewis; Ralph Lowell.

(7) Eunice Elizabeth Houtchens, dau. of Geo.(6) was born in 1881. She married John Wilbur, and children are Evelyn Otelia; Leora Genevieve.

(7) Geogre Robert Houtchens, son of Geo.(6) was born in 1883. He married Sadie Caumer, and their children are Elgin; Edward; Bernard; Lulu May; Doris; Ruth; Ruby; Gordon.

(7) Charles Henry Houtchens, son of Geo.(6) was born in 1884. He married Anna Brakey, and children were Wilbur; Max; Barbara, Elizabeth; James; Preston.

(7) Ralph Emerson Houtchens, son of Geo.(6) was born in 1896. He lived in Denver until the death of his mother when he went to take care of his father at Vernon, Colo.

(6) Samuel Robert Houtchens, son of Robt.(5) was born in Anderson county, Ky., Apr. 25, 1825. He was married to Susan Cheatham in Nelson county, Ky., where they lived until 1881 at which time they moved to Bladensville, Ill. In 1888 another move took them to Taylor, Tex., where they both died. Children were Fred; Everett H., Jepp R., Samuel F., Emma; Fannie; Bertha; Herbert; Mamie.

(7) William Frederick Houtchens, son of Sam.(6) was born Sept. 28, 1877, and was married June 25, 1899, to Martha Rebecca Lowe. They live (1930) near Harrold, Tex., and children are Jesse Otis; Ruby Odessa; Minnie Ruth; Howard H., Bryan William, born Dec. 14, 1912; Lela Ray, born Febr. 11, 1916.

(8) Jesse O. Houtchens, son of Fred(7) was born May 9, 1900, and married Thelma Vaughn May 7, 1922. He is a patrolman, living at Vernon, Tex. A son is Ralph, born Mar. 2, 1923.





(8) Ruby Odessa Houtchens, dau. of Fred(7) was born Nov. 22, 1902, and was married to Roy Lemon Sept. 16, 1922. They live at Harrold, Tex., and children born to them were Foy and Troy, Mar. 23, 1923; Mildred, May 3, 1924, died Nov. 21, 1924; Myrl, May 10, 1925, died Oct. 5, 1927; Carol Gene, Aug. 25, 1927; Maxine, Sept. 28, 1928; Joseph Loyd, Jan. 1, 1930.

(8) Minnie Ruth Houtchens, dau. of Fred(7) was born May 4, 1904, and married Jewel Lemon Jan. 25, 1925. They live at Harrold, Tex., (1930) and have one son, Robert Farrel, born Oct. 13, 1927.

(8) Howard H. Houtchens, son of Fred(7) was born Apr. 17, 1908. He married Hilda Bildstein June 19, 1928, lives at Harrold, Tex., and has one child, Y'Delle La Rue, born Jan. 23, 1929.

(7) Everett Harrison Houtchens, son of Sam.(6) was born in Nelson county, Ky., in 1878. He moved with his parents to Illinois in 1881, and to Texas in 1888. He is a graduate of the Colorado State University, a former school teacher, and now (1930) a practicing attorney in Greeley, Colo. In 1905 he was married to Evelyn M. Barnard of Pueblo, Colo., and in 1914 they moved to Greeley. After two years residence there Mr. Houtchens was elected to represent Weld county in the Colorado State Legislature, and in 1927 was chosen mayor of the city of Greeley. In 1929 he was re-elected, and is now serving in that capacity. Children are Kathryn, born 1909; Barnard, born 1911; Everett L., born 1913; Robert, born 1917; Roger, born 1922; Harlan, born 1925.

(7) Robert Jephtha Houtchens, son of Sam(6) was born Dec. 10, 1879, in Nelson county, Ky., and died in February, 1926, at Wilbarger, Tex. He was married June 22, 1899, to Mary Alice Sands, and children were Eric Leon; Samuel Franklin; Eva Irin, born and died 1905; Robert Harrison; Claud Windal, born Mar. 25, 1909, died young; Thelma Marie; Finis Othelo, born Febr. 23, 1915, died May, 1924; Willys Ramond, born Sept. 6, 1917; Kannyth Klyde, born Jan. 31, 1921. Thelma Marie was born Dec. 10, 1911, and married O. C. Morgan in 1930. They live in El Paso, Tex.

(8) Eric Leon Houtchens, son of Robt.(7) was born Febr. 18, 1901. He married Nettie Sumate in 1919, and they live near Pueblo, Colo. Children are Ninetta, born July 4, 1920, and Leon, born July 18, 1922.





(8) Samuel Franklin Houtchens, son of Robt.(7) was born Dec. 18, 1902, and married Bertha Long in 1925. They live in Amarillo, Tex., and have one son, Raymond, born Nov. 15, 1926.

(8) Robert Harrison Houtchens, son of Robt.(7) was born Febr. 20, 1907. He married Annabelle Long in 1925, and they live in Amarillo. Children are Elizabeth, born Oct. 22, 1928, and Bettie Jo, born Febr. 10, 1930.

(7) Samuel Franklin Houtchens, son of Sam.(6) was born Febr. 26, 1881, in Nelson county, Ky., and in 1900 was married to Zella Martin. In his younger days Mr. Houtchens was an ordained minister of the Christian Church, but is now (1930) an attorney, with a large law practice, in Fort Worth, Tex. He tells of one busy day he experienced in his early practice of law when, as a lawyer, he represented a client to get a divorce in the morning; as a minister, he solemnized a wedding at noon, and conducted a funeral in the afternoon. Had he only been a physician, and ushered a new citizen into the world that night, he could have called it a full day. Children of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Houtchens were Loren; Lois, born May 29, 1907; Lorena, born Jan. 9, 1909; Loretta, born Sept. 5, 1919. Loren, who was born Oct. 28, 1902, is a school teacher, and lives in Tennessee. He is married and has two children, Natile, born Febr. 8, 1923, and Billie, born July, 1924.

(7) Emma Elizabeth Houtchens, dau. of Sam.(6) was born in McDonough county, Ill., Apr. 22, 1882, and died near Mission, Texas, in December of 1921. She was married to E. T. Leake in 1909, and children were Althea, Pauline, Cecil and Virginia.

(7) Fannie Catherine Houtchens, dau. of Sam.(6) was born in McDonough county, Ill., Mar. 22, 1885. She married Mathews Brooks in 1905, and they live (1930) near Grand View, Tex. Four children, all married and living near Grand View, are Lucille; Ernest; Sammy; Inez.

(8) Lucille Brooks, dau. of Fannie(7) was born June 19, 1906. She married Fred Tipton in 1921, and children are Helen, born Dec. 31, 1922, and Herman, born Dec. 10, 1925.

(8) Ernest Brooks, son of Fannie(7) was born Aug. 13, 1907, and married Miss Turner in 1927. They have one child, Billie Jene born May 27, 1930.

(8) Sam. Brooks, son of Fannie(7) was born July 1, 1909.





He also married a Turner girl in 1927, and one child is Opal, born Mar. 7, 1930.

(8) Inez Brooks, dau. of Fannie(7) was born Apr. 10, 1911, and was married to Fern Weaver in 1928. They have one son, Loyd, born Mar. 22, 1930.

(7) Bertha Ross Houtchens, dau. of Sam(6) was born Aug. 17, 1887, in McDonough county, Ill. She was married to Will Brooks in 1905, and they live near Comanche, Okla. Children are Erma; Nolan, born Sept. 10, 1909; Gladys, born Oct. 9, 1911; Bernice, born Febr. 8, 1913; Margaret, born May 13, 1915; Kathryn, born Sept. 7, 1917; Frances, born Sept. 27, 1919; Helen, born Sept. 13, 1921; Weldon, born Dec. 22, 1923; James, born Nov. 16, 1925.

(8) Erma Brooks, dau. of Bertha(7) was born Mar. 24, 1906, and married Sam Richardson in 1922. They live at Electra, Tex., and have two children, Billie, born Jan. 21, 1924, and Richard Donald, born May 5, 1931.

(7) Herbert H. Houtchens, son of Sam(6) was born Dec. 28, 1889, in Williamson county, Tex., and was married in 1910 to Dora Stallings. They live (1931) near Dimmitt, Tex., and five children were born to them, Louise, Mar. 25, 1912; Florene, Aug. 9, 1916; Mary Frances, Aug. 3, 1921; Dayle, Apr. 8, 1923; Patsy Lou, Apr. 27, 1927.

(7) Mamie Houtchens, dau. of Sam(6) was born in Williamson county, Tex., Nov. 22, 1893, and was married in 1914 to Grady G. Ashley. They live near Oklaunion, Tex., and children are Truxton, born Sept. 18, 1915; Vernon, born Dec. 31, 1918; Fleeta, born Jan. 22, 1921; Loren, born Febr. 27, 1927; Mary Dean, born Jan. 21, 1931.

(7) Jesse Cecil Houtchens, son of Sam(6) was born Apr. 10, (?) and died in infancy.

(6) Amanda Catherine Houtchens, dau. of Robt.(5) was born in Anderson county, Ky., Oct. 8, 1856. She moved with her parents to Nelson county, Ky., where she lived until 1884, going then to Leoti, Kan. On May 31, 1893, she was married to Charles Henry Sealy, who was born in Trumble county, Ohio, Oct. 8, 1854, and died Mar. 30, 1922, in Colorado Springs, Colo., where Mrs. Sealy yet lives (1930). Children were Nellie, James, Earl, Roy and Gladys, all born in Wichita county, Kan. Nellie, born Apr. 13, 1893, married Thomas Meadow Oct. 29, 1911, and





lives in Vona, Colo. James was born Mar. 29, 1896, and lives in Marienthal, Kan. Earl, who was born Febr. 16, 1898, lives in Colorado Springs. Roy, born Nov. 26, 1899, is married to Edna Hodgins. They live at Guffey, Colo. Gladys is at home (1930) caring for her mother. She was born July 16, 1902.

(6) Joseph Harrison Houtchens, son of Robt.(5) was born Apr. 1, 1859, in Nelson county, Ky., and died in 1897. His wife was Alice Burris, and children were Ethel and Bessie.

(6) Christopher Thomas Houtchens, son of Robt.(5) was born Jan. 19, 1861, in Nelson county, Ky., and died in 1919 at Spokane, Wash. He was married to Kate Burnett, and children were Stella; Eva; Blanche; Hazel; Virginia.

(6) Robert Pope Houtchens, son of Robt.(5) was born May 27, 1863. He married Mary Sweasey, and they live (1930) near Lowry City, Mo. Children are Roy; Gay; Phay; Emmitt; Glen; Lynn; Ruby; Roxy; Ruth; Crystal; Rosie; Garland.

(5) Abner Calvin Houchin, son of Jesse(4) was born June 22, 1822, in Jessamine county, Ky., and died Jan. 20, 1897, at Pecan Gap, Tex. His was perhaps the most adventuresome life of the children of Jesse Houchins. He moved with his parents to Anderson county in 1827, and following their deaths, accompanied his brothers and sisters to Missouri. In 1846 he was married to Martha Martin, and two children were born to them while residents of Johnson county, Mo., John Martin and Susan Elizabeth. Mrs. Houchin died in 1854, and the children were raised by their grandparents, the Martins. Abner later married Jane Sharp.

It is said that Abner Houchin was in the Mexican War, but no confirmation of this has been made. However, a descendant adds that the manner of life he led resulted in many encounters and fights between Abner and ruffians with whom he came in contact. Being a large man the fights usually resulted favorably for him. He was a "forty-niner" and made two trips to the gold fields of California. He was one of "those soldiers of progress, one of those men of the covered wagon days, of the booted, blue shirted legions of the days of old, the days of gold, the days of forty-nine." He remained in California for two years following his first arrival there, but when a large rock fell on him crushing his right hand, he decided to return home. But a short time after his return the lure of gold and adventure





called him back to the west. Being somewhat yet disabled Abner returned to California by a longer but easier route than by wagon. He took passage by boat which carried him around the southern tip of South America and up the west coast to his destination. He, however, soon returned home.

During the days of the Civil War Abner Houchin organized a company of home guards whose duty it was to provide protection of life and property against the roving bands of bushwhackers. These latter posed as part of the army, and at times did take part in minor skirmishes, but for the most part were lawless gangs who terrorized the countryside during those dark days. A few years after the War, or about 1870, Abner Houchin and family moved to Ben Franklin, Tex., and later to Pecan Gap, where he spent his last days reminiscent of a full and active life. Children of his second marriage were William Calvin; Anna Pricilla; Mary; Martha; James Madison; Nancy Alice, Laura Belle; Cora Virginia, who died at the age of fourteen; Edward Lee; Charles Henry; Lulu May.

(6) John Martin Houchin, son of Abner(5) was born Dec. 8, 1847, in Johnson county, Mo., and died in 1918 at Kansas City, Mo. He had three daughters, Laura, Ola, and Sue. Sue married William Burrell, assistant manager of the telegraph office, Union Depot, Kansas City.

(6) Susan Elizabeth Houchin, dau. of Abner(5) was born Nov. 13, 1849, in Johnson county, Mo. She married Mr. Toothaker and in 1914 moved to California, near Bay Point, where she now (1930) resides. She had one son, Lemuel.

(7) Lemuel Toothaker, son of Susan(6) was born Dec. 8, 1871, in Missouri. Soon after his marriage he moved to Kansas and in 1914 to Antioch, Cal., where he died Nov. 18, 1920. He had two daughters, Zola Marguerite and Opal Susan.

(8) Zola Marguerite Toothaker, dau. of Lem.(7) was born in Crawford county, Kan., Mar. 2, 1898. She came to California in 1914, is married to Mr. Roberts, and lives at Bay Point.

(8) Opal Susan Toothaker, dau. of Lem.(7) was born Nov. 20, 1899, in Crawford county, Kan. She also married a Roberts, brother of her sister's husband. They now (1930) live in Contra Costa county, Cal., and have three children, Shirly May, born Aug. 12, 1923; Bernice Opal, born Mar. 16, 1925; William Clarence, born May 20, 1927.





(6) William Calvin Houchin, son of Abner(5) was born Nov. 2, 1853, in Cass county, Mo., and died Aug. 13, 1904, in Texas. He married first Lucy Elliott, and their children were Charles Conway; Walter Davis; Matt Henry; Marvin Bishop; Thomas Abner; Willie May. Following the death of his wife Wm. Calvin Houchin married Mary Bryan, who was born July 27, 1860, and now (1930) lives at Ladonia, Tex. Children of this marriage were Nancy; Samuel Oscar; Albert Roy; Cora Bell; Benjamin Porter; Calvin Winifred, born the day her father died, Aug. 13, 1904. She lived to be only two years old. Charles Conway, oldest child of Wm. Calvin, was born July 1, 1877. He married Hettie Jones, and lives at Slaton, Tex. Walter Davis Houchin was born Dec. 27, 1878, and lives at Mt. Pleasant, Tex. Matt Henry was born Sept. 28, 1882. He married Gertrude Whiteside. Marvin Bishop, born Febr. 3, 1884, married Roya Wingo. He died soon after his marriage. Thomas Abner was born Jan. 14, 1885, and married Pricilla Campbell. Willie May, born in 1887, married Gus Phillips. She died at Mineral Wells, Tex., in 1928. Nancy (Nannie) was born Dec. 29, 1888. She married A. S. Garrison, and they live at Pecan Gap, Tex. Samuel Oscar, born Sept. 23, 1891, married Ruby Newman, and lives at Cooper, Tex. Albert Roy was born Apr. 25, 1895. He was married to Gussie Lee Johnson Dec. 6, 1926, and children are Albert Roy, born June 25, 1928, and Billie Joyce, born Oct. 18, 1929. They live at Ladonia, Tex. Cora Bell, youngest living daughter of William Calvin Houchin, was born Mar. 25, 1897, and married Mr. Gary. They live at Stewart, Tex. Benjamin Porter Houchin, youngest son of Wm. C., was born Febr. 3, 1900. He married Reba Strickland, and lives at Ladonia.

(6) Anna Pricilla Houchin, dau. of Abner(5) was born near Harrisonville, Mo., Oct. 16, 1854. She married John L. Ramsey Mar. 24, 1878, who died Jan. 9, 1904. They lived at Pecan Gap, Tex., and children were Cora, Pearl, Matt, Mattie, and Mary. All died in infancy except Matt.

(7) Matt E. Ramsey, son of Anna(6) was born June 16, 1883, at Harrisonville, Mo. He married Arvine Shelton Aug. 20, 1908, and lives (1930) near House, New Mexico. They have one son, Ernest, born Febr. 4, 1910.

(6) James Madison Houchin, son of Abner(5) was born June 7, 1862, and in 1887 was married to Nancy Jane Logan. He





died at Pecan Gap, Tex., May 25, 1911, and his wife died May 26, 1925. Children surviving were Lee; Clarence, who died unmarried Apr. 6, 1929; Orpha. Lee was born Dec. 3, 1888, and died Dec. 3, 1928. He had married Floy Jackson Febr. 27, 1913. Orpha Houchin married Floy's brother, W. A. Jackson, who teaches school at Caddo Mills, Tex. Their children are Jimmy Aileen, born Febr. 23, 1912, and Forest Dale, born Febr. 14, 1915.

(6) Nancy Alice Houchin, dau, of Abner(5) born June 7, 1862, was a twin of James. She married Edwin Findley, a Cook county rancher, who died in 1910. Their two children, Abner Lewis and Paul, both died in infancy. Nancy later married John Bean, and in 1930 lived in Gainesville, Tex.

(6) Edward Lee Houchin, son of Abner(5) was born in Missouri, and died at Pecan Gap, Tex., in 1925. He was a pharmacist, and had been in the drug business for twenty-eight years at the time of his death. His wife, the former Flora Armstrong, lives (1930) at Pecan Gap. Their children were Paul, who died in infancy, and Earl Talmadge, who had just graduated from pharmacy college, and died, age twenty-three.

(6) Laura Bell Houchin, dau. of Abner(5) was born Oct. 9, 1866, in Johnson county, Mo., and lives (1930) in Houston, Tex. She was married to Ben Hodges, who died about 1920. They had one daughter, Doris, born Jan. 21, 1903, who married Earl Brown. The Browns have a little daughter, Laurel Dawn.

(6) Lulu Mae Houchin, dau. of Abner(5) was born in Missouri, and died in Texas at the age of thirty years. She married B. L. Webb, and was the mother of four children, two dying in infancy. Two sons survived her, Lee Everett, who married Eleanor Johnson, and is associated with his father in business at Itasca, Tex., and David Arno, born 1903, an attorney at Fort Worth. He is in general practice, but specializes in civil law, with the greater part of his time spent representing corporations.

(5) Elizabeth Houchins, dau. of Jesse(4) was born in Jessamine county, Ky., about 1823. She accompanied her brothers and sisters when they went to Missouri, and lived in Boone county up to the time of her death. She is buried in Breakbill cemetery, in the northern part of Boone county. She married Morton Reid about 1845, and to them were born two daughters, Ann, who died in early childhood, and Eliza Jane.





(6) Eliza Jane Reid, dau. of Elizabeth(5) was born May 23, 1848, near Sturgeon, Mo., and died in 1924. She was married to Joseph Rice Jacob in 1868, and children were Willard Woodson; Elno Perry; Lucian Franklin; Fielden Emmitt; Bertie Boardman, born March 1880, died in San Antonio, Dec. 1929; Joseph Reid, born Aug. 1885, died San Antonio Nov. 1908; Effie. Willard W. was born Mar. 7, 1870, and had two children, Leon and Maime. Elno Perry, born Nov. 1872, also had two children, one dying in infancy, the other, Rochie. Lucian F. was born Febr. 8, 1875, and his children were Francis; Gene; Jesse; Ruby. Fielden E., born Oct. 11, 1877, married Blanche Rhodes in 1909. He lived at Rich Hill, Mo., before moving to Columbia, where he now resides (1930). Children are Fielden Emmitt and a daughter, both in school in Columbia. Effie Jacob was born Dec. 27, 1883, and died in May of 1908. She was married to Lens Cowden, and one son was Joseph.

(5) Jesse Clements Houchens, son of Jesse(4) was born Dec. 17, 1825, in Jessamine county, Ky., and was married in his twenty-second year to Amanda I. Kimbrough, of Boone county, Mo. In 1842 he came from Anderson county, Ky., to Boone county, near where he lived the rest of his life excepting one year spent in Texas. His home was near Sturgeon, Mo., where he died May 4, 1890.

Jesse Houchens was reared in a Christian home; the year following his arrival in Missouri he became a Christian, and was baptized by "Old Fielding Wilhite", the noted and useful pioneer preacher of Boone county, Mo. He was a deacon in the Baptist church for over thirty years, and had family worship for over forty years. "He was one of the most cheerful men I ever knew," stated his son, "and had always helped us so cheerfully in our moments of need."

During the Civil War he was attacked and shot one night while standing in his own door yard by an unknown band of men called at that time "Bushwhackers". He always thought that they were mistaken in the man. Almost every one loved him who knew him. He never fully recovered from the wounds and suffered much through weakness and pain, but his happy, cheerful disposition seldom forsook him. He is buried in Locust Grove cemetery, Boone county, Mo. Children were Ella Hazeltine; Fielding Wilhite; Marilda Elizabeth; Cornelia Judson;





Laura Boardman; Emma Roberts; Bena Franklin. Ella Hazeltine was born Apr. 17, 1850, and died Nov. 14, 1920. She taught school until her marriage to Alfred Wheeler, an attorney of Boone county. There were no children. Bena Franklin, youngest daughter of Jesse, was also a teacher. She was born May 17, 1862, and died Dec. 19, 1889, near Sturgeon.

(6) Fielding Wilhite Houchens, son of Jesse(5) was born in Randolph county, Mo., Sept. 2, 1852. His boyhood was spent in Randolph, Boone and Audrain counties. He was fond of study from childhood, and was early possessed with an ardent desire for learning. This desire was never satiated, but it was, to an extent, gratified by many years of study in college, university and seminary. He spent a year in Shurtleff College, three years in Mt. Pleasant College, Huntsville, Mo., three years in the State University at Columbia, Mo., where he received his A. B. degree in 1877, and his A. M. in 1880. He spent three years in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and a year at Harvard. These years were well spent, and it could not result otherwise than in a refined and finished scholar. So unostentatious was this quiet man that few knew of the great learning he had attained. During his Seminary course he won the prize of an old and valued Polyglot Bible by reading the Old Testament through in Hebrew.

But learning was not his chief acquirement; the child of Godly parents, he was trained up a good boy morally. At the age of nineteen he gave his heart to God, and from that day to the day of his death he was a consecrated Christian. The day he was baptized the Church licensed him to preach, and the day he graduated from the University he was ordained.

He was Principal of the Mexico high school 1886-87, and President of Morrill College, Morrill, Kan., 1889-(?); pastor of churches at Clinton and Osborne, Mo., Morrill, Horton, Hamlin and Washington, Kan., and Perry, Okla. At the time of his death, Sept. 16, 1899, he was pastor of the Baptist Church at Independence, Mo.

July 5, 1883, while attending Seminary, he married Emma Krack. She was a teacher in the Louisville schools, and a consecrated worker in the Baptist Church. Their children were Fielding, who died young; Manly; Lillian. Manly married Frances Clements, daughter of John Clements, an attorney at





Independence, Mo. He died in Independence in 1925, leaving two children, John Clements and Dorothy. Lillian married Novus Reed, their child was John Wesley.

(6) Marilda Elizabeth Houchens, dau. of Jesse(5) was born near Sturgeon, Mo., Febr. 22, 1854, and died in California Sept. 16, 1899. She was a school teacher before her marriage to William Kingsbury, after which they operated a photograph studio in Sturgeon, until their removal to California. Children were Laura, a teacher at Stockton; Emma, deceased; Walter, who married Ethel Priess, and lives (1929) in Los Angeles.

(6) Cornelia Judson Houchens, dau. of Jesse(5) was born Mar. 12, 1856, near Sturgeon, and died March 1918, at Prescott, Ariz. She married Reuben Brown, and children were Bernard, Leonard and Ruby. Ruby married Albert Winn, and children are Jessie Pearl and Roberta, both of Columbia, Mo.

(6) Laura Boardman Houchens, dau. of Jesse(5) was born Nov. 17, 1858, near Sturgeon. Before her marriage to Rev. Peyton Eubank May 4, 1882, she was a teacher in the Missouri public schools. After their marriage they became missionaries, and spent ten years in Nigeria, West Africa, under the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. Eubank died Dec. 8, 1914. Mrs. Eubank is with her son, Earl, in Cincinnati (1930). Other children were Paul, who died in infancy; Jessie May, died Aug. 18, 1913, buried in Liberty, Mo., beside her father; Lillian, born 1901, married Theron W. Morgan of Chicago and Los Angeles.

(7) Earl Edward Eubank, son of Laura(6) born in 1887 in Boone county, Mo., married Eva Maude Stephens of Stanton, Nebr. Children, all born in Chicago, were Evelyn Laile; Edward Earl; Lauriel Elizabeth; Lois Lillian. Mrs. Eubank died in 1923, and he married Jessie Logan Burrall. Prof. Eubank is head of the Sociology Dept., and director of the School of Social Work, Univ. of Cincinnati. He obtained his A. B. degree in 1908, his A. M. in 1913, and his Ph. D., Cum Laude, 1916, at the Univ. of Chicago. He is an authority on social problems, and is author of "A Study of Family Desertion", and "Lockstep and Corridor".

(6) Emma Roberts Houchens, dau. of Jesse(5) was born July 24, 1860, and died Apr. 10, 1920. She married John E. Reid, and children were Edward and Bena. Edward married Leona Reid and their children are Lois; Emma; Fern; Mildred. Bena married Robert Caldwell of Clayton, New Mexico.





(4) John Houchins, son of Francis(3) was born Jan. 25, 1772, in Goochland county, Va. As has been previously stated, he and family lived with his mother, Joyce, in her declining years. He and wife, Mary, raised a family of seven boys and two girls.

## MARRIAGES NOT ELSEWHERE MENTIONED

### ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Patsey Houchens to John Shope - June 29, 1818

Martha Houchens to Wm. Marsh - Nov. 7, 1853

### BATH COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Mary Houchin to John Henderson - 1795-6. Moses Houchin, security.

### LOUISA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Nancy Houchins to Lewis Thomasson - Aug. 22, 1829. Francis Houchins, father

John Houchins to Polly Cosby - Mar. 9, 1808. William Cosby, father

### NELSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

John Houchens to S. Johnson - Febr. 12, 1810

### WARREN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Nancy Houchin to James McCracken - June 1806.

Mary Houchin to Minsey McCartney - Jan. 5, 1815.

Rachael Houchin to Edward Price - July 27, 1820.

Viney Houchin to Martin Linsey - May 13, 1824.

Malinda Houchin to Jackson Roundtree - Aug. 12, 1834.

Mary Houchin to Allen Stokes - May 30, 1842.





## CONCLUSION

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### KING WILLIAM COUNTY HOUCHINS

#### OTHERS OF THE NAME

Contained in this chapter is additional material on the King William county, Va., Houchins, also names of others of the family which it has been impossible to place because of too meager data.

Continuing with the King William family from page 22:

(6) John Houchins, son of John(5) was born in 1798. He and wife, Elizabeth, were living in New Kent county, Va., in 1850, and children were James, born 1824; Andrew, born 1826; Benjamin F., born 1829; Silas, born 1838; John, born 1845.

(4) John Houchins, son of Francis(3) was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He enlisted Nov. 25, 1776, for a period of two years, and his name last appears on the pay roll for Nov. 1778. He was a private in Capt. Cuthbert Harrison's Troop, also designated as 2nd Troop, 1st Regiment of Light Dragoons, commanded by Col. Theodoric Bland. Mrs. W. A. Porter, genealogist of Richmond, Va., states that John and his wife, Julia, had a son, John. They lived about five miles west of the Court House near Runford Academy. It is said that there is a property in King William county yet known as "Houchins".

(5) John Houchins, son of John(4) probably born about 1800, married Judith (?) and died before 1850. Children were Robert; Thomas F., Alexander Hamilton; William J. S., John C. The wife of the latter was Louise C., and they lived in King William county, as also did Robert. Robert, born 1820, had a daughter, Judy, born 1846. The other brothers lived in Richmond.

(6) Thomas F. Houchens, son of John(5) was born in King William county in 1821 and died at the home of Mrs. Tucker in Richmond Febr. 27, 1878. He is buried in Shockoe Hill cemetery as is also his wife, Mary Ellen. She was born in 1826 and died in Baltimore Jan. 30, 1897. They were married about 1845 and soon after 1850 moved to Richmond. Known children were





Mildred, born 1846; James, born 1847; Helen, born 1849; John, 1850; Alice, born Dec. 10, 1854; Annie L., born Sept. 1858.

(7) John Thomas Houchens, son of Thos.(6) was born Oct. 16, 1849 (date reported by a descendant). It is said that as a boy he enlisted in the Confederate Army and served to the end of the War. On his return home he entered college to take up the study of medicine. He married Mary Elizabeth Connors of Norfolk, Va., and soon moved to Baltimore where he continued his studies in pharmacy and medicine. He established a wholesale drug business in which his son continued after his death. Dr. Houchens was the father of thirteen children, only three of whom reached maturity, Herbert Raymond, who died in 1914; John Henry; John Thomas. John Thomas, born in 1892, died in Baltimore July 18, 1943. He had lived in Richmond as a young man, later coming to Baltimore to finish his schooling at Maryland Institute. He married Daisy Hammond who preceeded him in death in 1940. Their only child died in infancy.

(8) John Henry Houchens, son of Thos.(7) was born June 26, 1882, and died in Baltimore Febr. 23, 1946. He was educated in the public schools of Baltimore, after which he entered his father's business, and developed it into a very successful enterprise. He was married to Catherine Marie Reilly in 1904. and seven children were born to them, four of whom reached adulthood, Marie Catherine; John Henry; Margaret Cathryn; Mary Elizabeth.

(9) Marie Catherine Houchens, dau. of John(8) was born in 1906. She married Thomas Donald McLeod in 1931, and children are Marie Virginia, born Apr. 28, 1933; Thomas Donald, born Apr. 3, 1935.

(9) John Henry Houchens, son of John(8) was born in 1908. He would have graduated with high honors from Loyola College in Baltimore June 5, 1932, but May 29th, just one week before graduation, he was drowned in Chesapeake Bay. He, with three other young men, had clung to an overturned canoe all night, but with the coming of morning, unable to retain his hold longer, he sank in the waters of the Bay. Only one of the four was rescued.

(9) Margaret Cathryn Houchens, dau. of John(8) was born in 1909. She was educated in the parochial schools of Maryland, and was graduated from the College of Notre Dame of





Maryland in 1933. She is married to Franklin Bryan Gatch, and their six children are Margaret Ellen, born 1935; Catherine Isabelle, born 1936; John Houchens, born 1940; Franklin Bryan, born 1944; Lenore Coulter, born 1945; Benton Ray, born 1947.

(9) Mary Elizabeth Houchens, dau. of John(8) was born in 1915. She attended the parochial schools of Maryland, and graduated from Notre Dame in 1937. She married Thomas Morgan Donovan, and children are Thomas Morgan, born 1940; Michael Joseph, born 1942; Susan Elizabeth, born 1944; John Francis, born 1947.

(6) Alexander Hamilton Houchens, son of Thos.(5) was born in King William county in 1823. He moved to Richmond prior to 1850 where he married Mary E. Powell, daughter of Thomas J. Powell, of Richmond. Children were Emma C., Mary L., born 1849; probably others.

(7) Emma Coleman Houchins, dau. of Alex.(6) born 1847, married William Todd Robins of Richmond. Robins was a member of Lee's famous Rangers, C. S. A., and died Sept. 16, 1866. Their children were William N., Carrie B., and John T. Following the death of her husband Emma married Dr. Lemuel Edwards. Their children were Mary Todd; Daniel Roberts, who died young; Elizabeth Gregory; Luke, born 1884.

Another Houchins of King William county was Barnett. He was a Revolutionary War soldier in Col. Alex. McClanahan's 7th Virginia Regiment, Capt. Holt Richardson's company, the same command as that in which Bernard Houchins served. His name first appears on the rolls May 21, 1777, and he was discharged Jan. 31, 1778. The 7th Virginia, or that portion commanded by Capt. Richardson, participated in the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown in 1777. There was a Barnett Hutchins married to Polly Mathews in Goochland Co. July 29, 1799.

#### HOUCHINS OTHER THAN FROM KING WILLIAM CO.

Samuel Houchins, place of residence not known, was a sailor aboard the ship "Tempest" during the American Revolution.

John Robert Houchen, mentioned on page 14, is the son of





John Robert Houchen of Norfolk county, England. He was born in Monford, England, Dec. 12, 1833, and died in Kentucky Oct. 4, 1912. He came to America prior to 1860, and lived in Pendleton county, Ky. He was married twice, the second wife being Sarah Best. His children were John Edward, born July 16, 1864, at Falmouth, Ky., Walter Robert, a resident of Detroit; Frank Arthur, or Anther; Mary Elizabeth, died 1923; Bessie, a nurse (1933) at Eastern State Hospital, Lexington, Ky.

John Edward Houchen, born July 16, 1864, lives (1933) at Clovis, N. M. He had three sons, John Robert of Clovis; George Douglas, Denver; Charles A., born 1894, died in the Veterans Hospital, Prescott, Ariz., July 25, 1930. He left two little girls and a small son.

Frank Anther, or Arthur, Houchen was born in Pendleton county, Ky., in 1870, and died Febr. 22, 1914. He was married to Grace Lovelace, and children were Harry Lovelace of Falmouth; Mildred Christine, Akron, O., Mrs. Stanley Moore of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and Henry Clark. The latter was born June 26, 1900, and is in business in Falmouth (1933). He has one son, Carol Foley.

The Houchins of Logan county, Ohio, are of the family of Robert Houchins who came into that county prior to 1860. It is not yet determined whether he is the same Robert as was living in Rockingham county, Va., at an earlier date.

Robert of Rockingham was born in 1810, and first appears in the records of that county in 1832. In 1846 he purchased of Peter Hunton land on draft of Smith's Creek known by the name of Athens. This Robert was probably married more than once, perhaps three times. Oct. 18, 1852, he married Elizabeth Ferrel, dau. of George Ferrel of Rockingham county. Children were Jouett, born 1837; Harvey, born 1839; William, born 1842; Tobias, born 1845; Phillip, born 1847; Daniel, born 1849; Perry, born 1849; Erasmus, born 1850.

Probable brothers and sister of Robert (living in same household) were Edward, born 1820; Thomas, born 1825; Mary, born 1827. Living nearby were Riley and Wilson, born 1815. Riley married Susan (?) and their first son was John, born 1849. Wilson married Elizabeth Wean May 8, 1849, in Rockingham county. Edward married Maria Jane (?) and one child was





Dewitt.

Dewitt Houchen was born May 7, 1853, in Rockingham county, Va. He married first Mary Susan Ettinger, a widow, Nov. 8, 1880, and second Mary Elizabeth Lowman Jan. 9, 1891. He died about 1928 after having been blind for many years. Children were Lucy; Liberty; Jessie; William Lee; Angie; Lulu; Percy; Albert; Marshall; Roy; Margie; Josie P., born Aug. 27, 1892. Liberty, born June 26, 1889, married Freda Johnson Sept. 30, 1909. Marshall, born in Harrisonburg, Va., in 1901, married Artie Fitzwater Oct. 4, 1920. Lucy married Hiram Long Dec. 4, 1902; Mary Angie married Berlin Cunningham Apr. 1, 1916. Margie Leona, born 1912, married Ellis W. Dorman June 27, 1936, and William Lee, born Jan. 6, 1895, married Lillie Howdyshell Dec. 23, 1913. They lived in Harrisonburg, and children were Goldie Naomi, born 1915, married Raymond Knicely Nov. 24, 1934; Loyd; Charles Richard; Marilee, married a Shoemaker.

Robert Houchins of Logan county, Ohio, was born in 1810. Children were Albert, born 1840; William, born 1841; James, born 1844; Silas, born 1846; George, born 1848; Erasmus, born 1849; Elisha, born 1852; Elizabeth, born 1853; Jenny, born 1855; a daughter, 1857; Elvira, born 1859. Of these children Elisha married Elizabeth Hover, and their children were Elza; Oscar; Bertha; Merle; Jesse. Merle McGuire lives in Lima, O., the other children in Lakeview, O. Bertha married Mr. Armstrong, and Jesse Volney, born Mar. 13, 1887, married Elizabeth Millington. He is a peace officer and deputy sheriff of Logan county. His children are Walter; Leon; Vernon; Robert; Charles; Harold; Laurabelle; and Betty. Walter, Harold, Vernon and Charles were soldiers in World War II, all with over seas service.

Living in Logan county, Ohio, also, was Albert Houchin, son of Jewett Houchin, whose father was named Robert. Jewett married Margery Kennedy, and his son, Albert, married Ann Hover. Albert died in Logan county. Children were Jessie Gertrude, born Dec. 10, 1882, married first Mr. Gillespie and secondly Mr. Leland; Samuel Alonzo, born June 10, 1885, died 1888; Arthur Ervin, born May 22, 1889, married Edith (?) and had John, Ruby, Robert, Jean; Alice Irene, born Oct. 22, 1896, married Homer Wren; Agnes Hope, born Jan. 10, 1899, married





Larimore Herring; Forrest Loy, born July 21, 1893. He married Edna Kriete (born Richmond, Ind., Jan. 10, 1890) in Detroit in 1917. He died in Detroit in 1928. Children were George William and Betty Jane. George, born Sept. 12, 1919, married Violet Cain in 1942. Betty Jane, born Apr. 27, 1918, in Logan Co., married Russell Miller June 8, 1941. They live in Chicago.

Belonging to the Goochland and Albemarle counties, Va., Houchens are three brothers, Minor, Flemming and George; also Joseph B. The latter, it is said, was born in Marietta, O., June 5, 1816, and died in Alexandria, Va., in 1893. One son was Elijah Johnson, born Charlottesville, Va., July 8, 1859, and died Febr. 23, 1917, in Richmond, Va. He was married to Annie B. Pace and children were Ruth Ann, married Mr. Doland; Edith Dewey, married Mr. Eanes; Lawrence Boyce, born Jan. 16, 1896. He is married to Minnie Tignor, and they have two children, Lawrence and Lucille. All live in Richmond.

Minor, Flemming and George Houchens are first found in Albemarle county records in 1829. A descendant states that these brothers came from Goochland county but didn't recall their parents' names. Flemming, born in 1815, left for the gold fields in 1849, and was never heard from again. George Washington Houchens was born Apr. 5, 1814, and died in Albemarle county in 1888. His children included Mary Catherine, born 1850, married Mr. Lane, and was living in Charlottesville in 1930; Joseph B., died in Kansas City, Mo., May 10, 1929; John; George W., Elijah; A. B., Sarah, who married Mr. Teagle, and had a son, C. A. Teagle of Houston, Texas; James Franklin. James Franklin Houchens lives (1932) in Charlottesville and children were Addie Epperline and Raymond, both of Bluefield, W. Va., Jennie Bowman and James H. of Charlottesville; Edith; Louis; Dorothy, married Dr. Brown of the Catawba Sanitorium.

Minor Houchens was born in 1811, and died in 1860 in Charlottesville, Va. He was married Sept. 30, 1836, to Mary Frances Batcheller by the Rev. James A. Reddick, and children were Mary, born 1838; Thomas, born 1841; Leonidas, born Sept. 21, 1843; Lucy, born 1848; Joseph.

Leonidas Rosser Houchens, born in Charlottesville in 1843, died in Washington, D. C. Jan. 15, 1933. He was survived by a son, John Arnold and a daughter, Mrs. Paul J. (Bessie) Smith.





Mr. Houchens was a Confederate veteran of the Civil War. He enlisted at the age of sixteen in the 5th Virginia Cavalry, and served as sergeant under Gen. "Jeb" Stuart. He took part in practically every engagement at which Stuart's Cavalry was present, including the daring raid on Chambersburg, Pa., and the Battles of Chickahominy and Manassas. He was captured at the Battle of Five Forks in April of 1865, and held in the Union prison at Old Point Comfort until the next month. For many years he was in the hardware business at Warrenton and Fairfax, Va.

Another of the name is James William Houchins of Buckskin, Ind. He was born in Warrick county, Ind., Mar. 20, 1872. His children are Verda Marie, who married Pete Tambarini of Somerville, Indiana; Ida Lela; Rodney; Creola Geraldine, who married Jack Beecher, Washington, Ind. The father of James William was Thomas S. Houchins, born in Kentucky in 1844, died Mackey, Ind., Nov. 28, 1906. He was married to Mary Ricketts, and children were Margaret Bertha; James William; Nancy Ann; Elihue Stanton; Mary Katherine, who married Mr. Maurer, Somerville, Indiana, George; Austin, of Buckskin. Thomas S. Houchins' father was Obediah, who lived in Edmonson county, Ky., and at one time was overseer of the Mammoth Cave. He was born in 1812 and married Catherine Bolton June 22, 1839, in Warren county, Ky. Children were William, born 1840; Elizabeth, born 1842; Thomas S., born 1844; Frances M. and George W., born 1846; James E., born 1849.

Harry Hart Houchens of Springfield, Ill., born July 25, 1894, is the son of Columbus Hartful Houchens. He married first Fern Lampre and their children were Harry, Fern and Arthur. He married secondly Hazel Williams and children are Hazel June, Mary Ellen and Wilma J.

Columbus Houchens was born in 1865 in Boone Co., Mo., and died 1926 in Spaulding, Ill. He is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill. He married first Mary Ellen Manson May 15, 1887, and second Ella Benson. Children were Charlie; George; Mary Ellen; Rodney; Harry; Mollie; Maude; Arthur. The father of Columbus is said to have been Hart. He was married to Missouri W. (?). Names of only two children





are known, Columbus and Joe. Hart, with a group of other men, started for the gold fields of California and were captured by the Indians. Nothing was ever heard of them again.

Frank William Houchens, born July 17, 1889, is of the Louisa county, Va., Houchens. He lives in Fairmont, W. Va., and children are May Dudley and Olivia French. A brother, James Wirter, born 1882, lives in Des Moines, Ia. Their father, James, born in Louisa county, married Malinda Kimbrough, and grandparents were Peter and Ellen Houchens.

Another of the name, Agnes Houchin, belongs to the Amherst county, Va., and Warren county, Ky., Houchins. She married a Mr. Hudspeth, and they probably came into southern Kentucky with the Houchin brothers just before 1800. Of her children one daughter was Elizabeth, born Jan. 12, 1798, near the Mammoth Cave. Elizabeth married Joshua English Brown July 14, 1819, in Warren county, Ky. The same year they moved to Lawrence county, Ark., later to Crawford county, Ark. Children were Ellender Louise; Julia Ann; Elizabeth; James; John; Joseph; George; Mary Ann. She died Mar. 3, 1848.

Julia Ann Brown, born Lawrence county, Ark., Nov. 24, 1821, married Frederick Bryan Ragsdale Mar. 20, 1842, and died Febr. 19, 1851. Children were Mary Elizabeth; John Charleton; Frances Louise; William George; Virginia.

Mary Elizabeth Ragsdale, born Febr. 18, 1843 in Crawford county, Ark., married Light Stapleton Townsend Aug. 24, 1864, and died Febr. 11, 1872. Children were Walter; Frederick Bryan; Sumner; Virginia.

Sumner Townsend, born Apr. 15 1869, in San Antonio, Tex., died Mar. 17, 1928, in Hays county, Tex. He married Lillia L. Ferguson Oct. 2, 1892, and children were Tuca and Juel. Tuca was born Jan. 18, 1895, and lives in San Marcos, Texas. She married William A. Wyatt, a veteran of the first World War, Oct. 20, 1920. Their son, William Albert, Jr., was born Jan. 19, 1922. He is a veteran of the last war, and held a commission as captain. His wife is the former Lois Bolton.



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